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### CM pitches for trade ties with Maldives

BENGALURU
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday pitched for strengthening trade ties with Maldives to promote the marketing of Karnataka's handicrafts and handlooms in that country, which attracts a large number of tourists.
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### No grace marks for SSLC exam this year

BENGALURU
There will be no grace marks for the SSLC exam from the academic year 2024-25, Minister of School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa announced in Bengaluru on Wednesday. At a press conference, he said reforms were brought in the examination system to put an end to malpractices. » Page 5

### BJP MLA accused of honey trapping two former CMs

BENGALURU
A 40-year-old woman has accused Munirathna, BJP MLA, of honey trapping two former Chief Ministers for political gain, and also alleged that she was raped. » Page 6

# Leaders race to form govts. in J&K, Haryana

Hectic political activities begin; BJP likely to form government in Haryana after October 12; three Independents back BJP; NC and Congress likely to declare J&K's next Chief Minister in two days

**Peerzada Ashiq**
**Vikas Vasudeva**
SRINAGAR/CHANDIGARH

Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah in Srinagar a day after the election victory in J&K; Amit Shah congratulates incumbent Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini, in Delhi on Wednesday. IMRAN NISSAR, PTI

A day after the Assembly election results were announced, the leaders of the winning parties – the BJP in Haryana and the National Conference-Congress alliance in Jammu and Kashmir – were engaged in hectic political activity.

Several BJP leaders from Haryana, including incumbent Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini who is likely to retain his position, headed to New Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other top leaders. The new government is expected to take charge after October 12, once the Dasara festival is over.

In Srinagar, top leaders of the National Conference (NC) and the Congress began the spadework to form the first elected government in Jammu and Kashmir in more than six years. They plan to announce their new Chief Minister in the next two days.

The BJP got a further boost in Haryana, with all three Independents announcing their support to the party, effectively taking the saffron party's seat tally in the Assembly to 51. As lobbying began for ministerial berths in the new government, several legislators of the ruling party and senior leaders from the State made a beeline to Delhi to meet the BJP's central leadership, a party source said.

The BJP is also considering the option of appointing two Deputy Chief Ministers, as was done in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, the source added.

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# Ratan Tata, a titan of Indian industry, takes his final bow

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

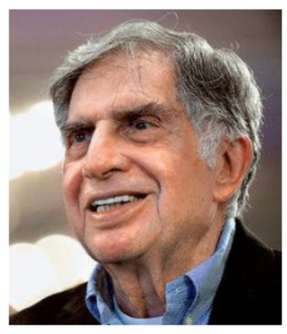
Tata Group's chairman emeritus and veteran industrialist Ratan Naval Tata passed away at the Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai late on Wednesday. He was 86.

"It is with deep sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved Ratan," his family said in a statement.

"We his brothers, sisters, and family take solace and comfort in outpouring of love and respect from all who admired him. While he is no longer with us in person, his legacy of humility, generosity and purpose will continue to inspire future generations," the family said.

Mr. Tata is survived by his younger brothers Jimmy and Noel and stepmother Simone.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid rich tributes to Mr. Tata, describing him as a visionary business leader and an extraordinary human being. "One of the most unique aspects of Shri Ratan Tata Ji was his passion towards dreaming big and giving back. He was at the forefront of championing causes like education, healthcare, sanitation, animal welfare to name a few," he said on X.



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# HC acquits three in 2012 terror plot case

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court has acquitted three persons accused in the 2012 Bengaluru terror plot case, which involved allegations of conspiring to carry out terrorist activities in the city. The acquittal was primarily due to errors committed by the government in granting sanction for their prosecution under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Sreenivas Harsih Kumar and Justice J.M. Khazi delivered the judgment on the petitions filed by three accused persons, who had questioned the February-March orders passed by the trial court, which had convicted and sentenced them to life imprisonment.

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## *Garba night*

**Festival special:** Revellers clad in festive wear dance at a garba event during Navaratri on the outskirts of Ahmedabad on Wednesday. AFP

# Nagendra is the brains behind Valmiki corporation 'scam': ED

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday identified Congress MLA and former Minister B. Nagendra as the "mastermind" behind the alleged multi-crore scam involving the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd.

According to the agency, funds diverted from this State-run entity were used to support a candidate in the Lok Sabha elections. The ED has already filed a chargesheet in this case before a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act court in Bengaluru, which has taken cognisance of the charges.

The ED's statement named Mr. Nagendra, a former Minister for Scheduled Tribes Welfare, as the prime accused, along with 24 others, including key associates such as Satyanarayana Varma, Etakari Satyanarayana, J.G. Padmanabha, Nageshwar Rao, Nekkenti Nagaraj, and Vijay Kumar Gowda.

Former Minister B. Nagendra

"Under the influence of B. Nagendra, the account of the corporation (Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation) was moved to the M.G. Road Branch without any proper authorisation, where ₹187 crore, including ₹ 43.33 crore from the State treasury under the Ganga Kalyana Scheme, was deposited without following proper procedures and in violation of government guidelines," the ED release stated.

These funds were allegedly siphoned off through shell accounts and converted into cash and bullion. The ED further stated in the release that ₹20.19 crore of the diverted funds were used to support a candidate in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections from the Ballari constituency and to cover Mr. Nagendra's personal expenses.

# Modi to hold bilateral talks at ASEAN-India meet

**Hindu bureau**
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Laos on Thursday and Friday to attend the 21st ASEAN-India and the 19th East Asia Summits. These events are important, especially with the ongoing conflict in Myanmar affecting regional security and connectivity. Mr. Modi will reach the Laotian capital Vientiane on Thursday and will hold bilateral meetings with leaders of the ASEAN countries after attending the ASEAN-India summit.

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# BBMP releases 22 lakh ward-wise draft e-khatas

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has released around 22 lakh ward-wise draft e-khatas, which are available online at BBMPeAasthi.karnataka. gov.in.

In a press release on Wednesday, the civic body said, "Citizens can get their ward name and number from their BBMP property tax receipt. Once the ward is selected, the draft e-khatas of that ward will be listed and accessible."

The release stated that as this is the first time digital property IDs have been introduced, the only available search option is by the owner's name. "Hence, there is an option to search by name, and properties have been listed alphabetically."

To view and download the draft e-khata, citizens must log in using an OTP sent to their mobile phones. SUDHAKARA JAIN

To view and download the draft e-khata, citizens must log in using an OTP sent to their mobile phones. Additional documents such as the registered deed, e-KYC based on Aadhaar, SAS property tax application number, photo of the property, A-khata proof, and encumbrance certificate must be uploaded to get the e-khata. Citizens can also raise objections against the issuance of final e-khata.

BBMP has set up help desks at Assistant Revenue Officer offices, and it plans to make e-khatas available at Bangalore One Centres soon. Queries can be addressed via helpline number 1533 or email bbmpekhata@gmail.com.

# Azim Premji Foundation grants ₹500 crore to CMC Vellore for new medical college

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru-based Azim Premji Foundation has extended a ₹500 crore grant to Christian Medical College, Vellore, to establish a new medical college and teaching hospital on its Chittoor campus.

As part of this partnership, the existing 120-bed hospital at Chittoor will be upgraded into a 422-bed teaching hospital. A medical college, with an intake capacity of 100 students, will also be set up. The primary focus of this initiative is to provide value-based healthcare and medical education, especially for the disadvantaged.

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"The grant will enable CMC Vellore to extend its distinctive approach to MBBS education, with an emphasis on Primary-cum-Secondary Health Care, to help address the growing disparities in the healthcare sector," said Vikram Mathews, Director of CMC Vellore, during a press conference in Bengaluru after signing the agreement.

Dr. Mathews emphasised that the new medical college and teaching hospital at Chittoor will serve as a replicable model for relevant medical education, healthcare delivery, research, and outreach. This model will be designed to address the financial, societal, and resource constraints of the country. CMC Vellore is set to celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2025.

### Clearances

He added that the necessary clearances for the new facility will be obtained within the next six months, and the hospital is expected to start operations in two-and-a-half years. "The medical college will begin two years after the hospital starts functioning and necessary NMC approvals are obtained," he said. Future expansion will be carried out in phases.

Anurag Behar, Chief Executive Officer of the Azim Premji Foundation, lauded CMC Vellore for its high-quality education and healthcare, delivered with a strong sense of social commitment. "The agreement builds on the close association between the two organisations that began in 2020 when the pandemic disrupted India's healthcare system," he said.

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# The desperation of Chamari Athapaththu

If we take too much pressure on our shoulders, if we take too much information, it's too hard to play. We have to play fearless cricket. That's the most important thing, feels the Sri Lanka skipper

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**Lavanya Lakshminarayanan**
DUBAI

Sometimes, being the biggest predator of your pack can make you the biggest prey too. Ask Chamari Athapaththu. In an era of transition for Sri Lankan cricket, Athapaththu has sacrificed her bones to become the steel skeleton for the women's game to grow around.

"I want to see my team in the semi-final of this World Cup. That's my wish," Athapaththu said ahead of the qualifiers for the ongoing T20 World Cup in the UAE (which they would win) earlier in the year.

Six months later, her team is staring at a rather anticlimactic finish to what's been a fairytale 12-18 months for the side.

Six months and two World Cup group game losses later, Athapaththu fronted up to the side's underwhelming showing and her own part in it.

"Fans probably had a lot of expectations that we will play in the semifinals this year. I think we don't have time to do that. I want to tell fans not to lose hope," she had said ahead of the India match which her side lost comprehensively and all but ended its campaign in the UAE.

Athapaththu spoke to the press for around 25 minutes – half of that in England and half in Sinhalese. Her desperation to manifest better fortunes for her team were bare in her native tongue. There was no masking, no talk of 'process', 'assessing conditions.' She doesn't have time for any of that.

She detailed a conversation she had with herself in the room after the first two losses, particularly because she had, herself, failed with the bat. The skipper registered scores of 3 (12 balls) against Australia and 6 (9 balls) against Pakistan in the opening fixture. She had a great night with the ball against Pakistan (3/18) but it meant nothing without the win.

"Our expectations before we came was that the Dubai and Sharjah surfaces would be batting tracks. Because I had that kind of experience when I was playing here before. But we can't complain about the conditions as batters.

"We have to play our best cricket, and we have to adapt - that is the most important thing. So, I saw how Nat Sciver-Brunt played and even Laura (Wolvaardt) and the other South African batters. I asked myself the same question. 'Why can't I play?' she said.

She then compared Sri Lanka's batting brain fade to the kind of performances South Africa and New Zealand (vs India) had managed. "If we take too much pressure on our shoulders, if we take too much information, it's too hard to play cricket," she exclaimed. "We have to play our fearless cricket. That's the most important thing."

### Remembering bravery

The run-up to the T20 World Cup was interesting for the Lankan captain. She led her side to a memorable maiden Asia Cup title. The side beat South Africa, New Zealand and England in bilateral T20I series, all for the first time in their cricketing history. Athapaththu led from the front, scoring a whopping 684 runs with a stunning average of 42.75 and at a strike rate of 130.53. That included two centuries and four fifties.

She was ably assisted by two young foot soldiers in Vishmi Gunaratne (467 runs this season) and Harshita Samarawickrama (564 runs, including an unbeaten 84 against India in the Asia Cup final).

With the ball, Kavisha Dilhari has 22 wickets in 20 games. Inoshi Priyadharshani has 20 while Athapaththu herself has 19. Her senior pros - Sugandika Kumari and Udeshika Prabodani – have been instrumental in key victories, particularly in the Asia Cup.

In the World Cup in the United Arab Emirates, while the bowling still had something to cheer about, the batting seems to have short circuited.

Athapaththu looks around her and sees the likes of Sophie Devine, Wolvaardt, the Australians (as per her list) find rhythm with the bat and it frustrates her.

"In the first game, I scored a boundary against Sadia Iqbal. I hit the ball, it was going so fast. So I felt, the wicket was so good. That was surprising because when Pakistan batted, the surface was a bit slow and low. My experience of that first ball affected me and I lost my wicket in the next over. I made that mistake. In the next game, I thought I'll take my time but suddenly it was different.

"We can't blame anyone or the conditions. Other teams have the same things and challenges we have. If other teams and batters can do it, there's no way we can't."

The Sri Lankan squad isn't young, with an average age of about 30. Priyadarshini, Prabodani and Ranaweera are above the age of 37. Six more, including Athapaththu, are in their 30s. The skipper has therefore been on an overdrive in terms of pushing the youngsters to step in and gear up for a time when she and some of her colleagues may not be around.

"I don't want to pressure the young players. It's important for them to be relaxed before important games. I have shared my experience as I have been in these situations. We are not a team that won the world championship. We are not a team that has come to the finals. I've been in these similar situations. (The difference is) now the expectations are very high.I am taking the pressure as much as I can."

### Perennial fire-fighter

Athapaththu is much like a sponge bursting at the seams, waiting to rain down on her opponent and it is in these situations that the world has seen the best of her.

That Asia Cup final against India is the latest in a long list of rescue acts Athapaththu has staged for her nation. With a steep 165 to chase down against a quality bowling side, she made a fighting 61 (43b) with 72 still needed from the last eight overs.

This is where her constant encouragement and pushing her 'kids' (as she calls them) came handy. Harshita Samarawickrama, potentially the one to succeed her as Sri Lanka captain, was thrown into the fire and got out of the death unscathed with a huge roar and a shiny trophy to boot.

"That Asia Cup win...we beat the best team in the world. They have so much experience, and play a lot of franchise cricket. Compared to India, we don't have those players and still we've played good cricket as a team. As a captain, I am so proud of my girls," she had said then.

"For now, I'm always looking after the young girls. I've built a young team. I want to see these young girls in the World Cup one day."

In the crucial league game against India in the UAE, it was the Sri Lankan skipper who swung into action, first running out Smriti Mandhana and then getting Shafali Verma off consecutive deliveries. It was the lone bright spot in a dull bowling display where the players retreated into their shell when their backs were to the wall.

With India cruising to 172 - the highest team total in the tournament so far - Sri Lanka needed Athapaththu to glue her feet in the middle and see the chase through.

However, even the best of sponges wear out. After years and years of carrying Sri Lanka on her shoulders, India broke her. She first saw her opening partner Gunaratne fall for a first ball duck. Athapaththu soon edged Shreyanka Patil to Deepti Sharma at slips.

At the Asia Cup a few months ago, with her contribution registered, Athapaththu paced about like an anxious mother waiting to see if her child had cleared the Class 10 boards. But, this time, she failed to fire against India in a crucial make-or-break fixture, falling for a solitary run off three balls.

### Towering personality

Mention 'Chamari' in the press box and the Sri Lankan reporters around will tell you tales of how Athapaththu was waging a battle for the relevance of the women's game in that nation long before it became the norm to do so.

She was one of the loudest voices calling for game time for Sri Lanka during the pandemic when the women's side went more than 500 days without an international fixture.

Her growing stature in international cricket - backed by her popularity in franchise tournaments and her game-changing performances in the international arena - made the Sri Lankan board sit up and take notice.

That the women's team's captain now had brand deals and was there to flag off the Lankan Premier League - hailed as the pride of Sri Lankan cricket - tells you all you need to know about how Athapaththu has smashed the glass ceiling in the island nation. In a team of senior pros, Athapaththu has been the leader.

She has banded together a coy and unconfident side - often stuttering to speak the tongue of the international game (literally and otherwise) - and taught them to believe. Sit with her for a chat and she could convince you that you can change the world.

That lure of leadership and a strong umbilical cord holding her close to this team have brought her back from a couple of retirement considerations. For the time being, we know Athapaththu will be the front and centre of this team at least till the 2025 ODI World Cup in India.

For a long time, Athapaththu has been the one to pick up her teammates when they are down in the dumps. After such an inspiring run-up, to go out of contention without much of a fight will hurt and for a while. She will need her teammates and her loyalists to wrap up her in a hug and give her the strength to keep going.

Cricket isn't done with Chamari Athapaththu and, for the sake of Sri Lanka and the women's game at large, one will hope she isn't either.

## THE GIST

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# Police aim to switch to AI-powered traffic signals across city in the coming days

This move is part of a technology initiative by the traffic police, designed to streamline vehicular flow and also reduce manual intervention at the signals

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

In a bid to tackle growing traffic woes, Bengaluru's traffic police have set their sights on a full transition to AI-powered, real-time adaptive traffic signals at major junctions. The move is part of the Bengaluru Adaptive Traffic Control System (BATCS), a technology initiative designed to streamline traffic flow and reduce manual intervention at traffic signals.

Since this May, the Bengaluru Traffic Police have been implementing BATCS technology, which is designed to dynamically adjust signals based on real-time traffic conditions. This initiative, according to officials, will enhance the efficiency of city-wide traffic management and reduce the burden on personnel who manually manage signals.

New AI-powered traffic signals were installed at Hudson Circle and J.C. Road junction, under the Bengaluru Adaptive Traffic Control System. K. MURALI KUMAR

On Wednesday, Bengaluru Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said: "The BATCS project, initiated in May, includes upgrading 136 existing junctions and installing 29 new ones, covering a total of 165 traffic signals in the city. We have already completed 50% of the work, and the remaining work is expected to be finished by March next year."

Bengaluru, known for heavy congestion and a high number of private vehicles, is home to one of the highest concentrations of vehicles in India. With two-wheelers accounting for around 60% of the city's traffic, managing such a diverse mix of vehicles on the road has become increasingly challenging for the authorities.

According to M.N. Anucheth, Joint Commissioner for Traffic, the BATCS system represents a significant leap forward from previous traffic management systems, which lacked real-time adaptability.

"BATCS stands out due to its unique AI-powered capabilities. The system dynamically adjusts signal timings based on real-time traffic densities, using inputs from camera sensors placed near junctions. This ensures optimal traffic flow, minimising delays and providing smoother travel experiences for commuters," Mr. Anucheth explained.

One of the key features of BATCS is its ability to centrally monitor and control traffic signals from a central command centre. This allows traffic police to respond more swiftly to changing traffic conditions and make necessary adjustments to signal timings. Signals along major traffic corridors are synchronised to create 'green waves', allowing vehicles to pass through multiple junctions without stopping, thereby reducing travel time and improving fuel efficiency.

According to Mr. Anucheth, the system also prioritises emergency vehicles and has the potential for future integration with pedestrian and public transport needs. "In the event of an accident or other traffic-related incidents, BATCS can analyze predefined plans using simulation models at critical junctions, enabling rapid adjustments to maintain smooth traffic flow," he added. By January 2025, the Bengaluru Traffic Police aim to complete the installation of AI-powered traffic signals at all 165 planned junctions. The next phase will involve expanding the system to an additional 400 junctions across the city.

Preliminary results from corridors where the system has already been introduced show promising signs. "Data indicates significant reductions in travel time along major corridors where manual traffic management has been replaced with vehicle-actuated and adaptive signal control," Mr. Anucheth said, while adding: "This change has not only reduced congestion, but has also shortened travel time for commuters."

### Key traffic statistics of Bengaluru

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| Population **14 million** | Road network **14,000 km** | Registered vehicles **12 million** |
| | Intersections Over **40,000** | Traffic signals More than **400** |

Source: Bengaluru Traffic Police

# 'Drop plan to increase metro fares'

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Mukhymantri Chandru on Wednesday wrote to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asking him to drop a plan to increase Namma Metro fares by 15 to 25%. He said that since travelling by metro is already expensive, increasing the fares would impose a burden on the public.

"Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is already increasing its financial resources and profits, and it is unfortunate that they have neglected passenger welfare and infrastructure development during this time. According to sources, BMRCL made a profit of ₹129.3 crore in 2023-2024. It is not right that they have now formed a committee to increase fares," Mr. Chandru said in the letter.

He also condemned BMRCL for planning to increase fares instead of increasing coaches.

# 'Incentivise healthcare manpower to stay in rural areas'

**Afshan Yasmeen**
BENGALURU

Asserting on the need to strengthen primary and secondary care, especially in rural areas, Vikram Mathews, director of Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, on Wednesday said quality healthcare services cannot be delivered with just buildings and equipment.

"We need to create an excellent working atmosphere, nurture talent, and ensure that there are adequate facilities such as housing and education available for the families of healthcare professionals posted in rural areas," he said.

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> **VIKRAM MATHEWS,** Director of Christian Medical College, Vellore

**Stay in rural areas**

Speaking to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of a programme organised to announce the Azim Premji Foundation's partnership with CMC Vellore, he said the availability of trained professionals in rural areas is a major issue that needs to be addressed.

"Human resources are a major problem. Often the problem is not because manpower is not available. The challenge is to ensure they stay in rural areas. We need to incentivise manpower and address the basic challenges that families of healthcare professionals face in rural areas. We need to provide them housing, education and other basic infrastructure for their children," he said.

"Training to work in a secondary hospital is very different from training to work in a tertiary and quaternary care hospitals. In a secondary hospital, doctors are more like general physicians. They can handle most problems. That is what a majority of the population needs. However, if a doctor with a certain training is posted in a hospital that has no facilities he is very frustrated and it is difficult for him/her to continue working there. All these challenges should be addressed," Dr. Mathews said.

**Trauma care**

Emphasising on the need for the availability of trauma care, especially on highways, the doctor said availability of a network of trauma care facilities on highways could save the lives of thousands of people injured in road accidents.

"Our Ranipet campus is located on the national highway between Chennai and Bengaluru and we are developing a fully-equipped trauma care service here. This Level-1 Trauma Care Centre includes state-of-the-art ICUs, operation theatres, radiology suite, and 112 trauma beds. We need more such well-equipped facilities along the highways," Dr. Mathews said.

### Text & Context and Science

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- On the protests against the Vizag steel plant sale **newsth.live/vizagsteelsale**
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# New sedimentary rock made from slag is a carbon-trapping champ

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Tejasri Gururaj

A piece of slag from a glazing process formed sometime between 1802 and 1450 BC in lower Egypt. PUBLIC DOMAIN

Human activity has significantly altered the earth's landscape – so much so that many scientists have said the planet is in a new geological chapter called the Anthropocene era.

Many of these changes have been wrought by deposits of materials like industrial waste and construction debris. These materials weather over time and mix with natural sediment and affect the environment by changing the acidity of soil and water, the composition of soil, and the distribution of minerals.

## Slag becomes rock

In 2015, artificial ground contributed more than 316 million tonnes of sedimentary material to the oceans, far exceeding the natural supply.

But going beyond simply being abundant in the natural environment, scientists have been documenting some unusual formations that wouldn't have taken shape if not for the trash humans are throwing out. In a recent study in the journal *Sedimentologika*, for example, researchers documented a new kind of sedimentary rock made from coastal slag deposits in the U.K.

This rock follows other formations like molten glass and steel in the refuse of nuclear weapon tests and pieces of plastic floating in oceans that disease-causing bacteria have grabbed hold of.

Slag is a major component of artificial ground. It is a composite material containing metal oxides and silicon dioxide and is a by-product of the steelmaking process in the iron and steel industries.

## Synthetic slag, natural weathering

At Warton, England, old industrial waste sites are the focus of a unique study examining slag hardening, or lithification.

The lithification process hardens industrial waste, including slag, into sedimentary rocks, creating artificial ground. When these sedimentary rocks weather over time, they release sediments into the environment.

Because the rocks are infused with industrial waste, their sediments often contain toxic metals that contaminate soil, water, and air.

Sedimentary rocks with slag are relatively more abundant in the U.K. due to historical industrial activities.

Slag is chemically stable and has the ability to neutralise acidity. When lithified slag breaks down, it stores greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide through a process called mineral carbonation. This process mimics natural weathering.

Understanding how slag undergoes lithification is crucial to understanding how the deposits will behave over time, so that we may eventually also maximise its carbon capture potential.

This opportunity gains significance in light of projections suggesting a 10.5% rise worldwide in slag production by 2031. While the steelmaking industry is under pressure to lower its emissions – including with processes that mitigate slag production – reusing slag to sequester carbon could reduce the industry's carbon footprint.

## Elements of rock

The carbon capture process is well understood for inland slag deposits in the U.K. and less so for coastal regions.

The researchers behind the new study collected slag samples from the Warton slag heap in South Lancashire, England, where iron and steel works were active from 1864 to 1929.

They prepared the samples for analysis with a cool-water diamond saw, which cut them into smaller pieces, then turned them into powder using a mortar and pestle, and finally filtered the particles through a sieve.

In particular, the team collected samples along a straight line across the slag heap from below the highest average water level to the top of the deposit to capture variations in exposure to seawater and rainwater.

The researchers used four different analytical techniques to understand the slag samples' composition, starting with X-ray diffraction. This method uses X-rays to identify the various types of minerals in the sample by studying how the minerals scatter the radiation.

Previous studies have shown that carbonates can form during the lithification process. These minerals contain carbonate ions ($CO_3^{2-}$) and contribute to the hardening process. In the context of slag, the researchers found a carbonate form called calcite, a form of calcium carbonate ($CaCO_3$) that is also present in chalk.

To identify the quantity of calcite in the slag samples, the researchers used thermogravimetric analysis (TGA). In this method, the sample is heated to see how much weight it loses, revealing the quantity of carbonate present.

The researchers also used stable isotope analysis to identify the isotopes of carbon and oxygen present in the samples. (An isotope of an element is an atom that contains the same number of protons and electrons but a different number of neutrons.) The relative abundance of these isotopes can be a signature that points to specific sources of the calcite in the sample.

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Finally, they observed the samples under a scanning electron microscope to reveal the sample's surface and identify the elements present.

## The history, through science

X-ray diffraction identified various minerals in the slag sample, including a form of calcium silicate called larnite. The microscopic analysis revealed variable texture and elemental distributions in the slag, with silicon dominating weathered areas and calcium more prevalent in the wave-exposed parts.

These features suggested the slag in the deposit had undergone a combination of lithification processes in different conditions.

TGA also indicated a higher carbonate level at the top of the slag bank and lower levels in the seaward direction, echoing the influence of environmental factors like seawater and rainwater on the lithification process.

Finally, the isotope analysis revealed significant variations in the levels of the carbon-13 isotope, which is crucial to understanding carbonate reactions and carbon dioxide dynamics in the environment.

Based on all these details, the researchers determined two lithification mechanisms in the slag deposit.

The first mechanism – calcite cement precipitation – dominated on the top surface of slag and on the sea-facing side above the average water level. In this process, the minerals in slag dissolve to release calcium, which reacts with atmospheric carbon dioxide to form calcite.

In the intertidal zone, which is the part of the shoreline exposed to air at low tide and is submerged at high tide, the calcium-silicate-hydrate (CSH) cement precipitation process dominated. Here, saltwater prevents slag minerals from dissolving; instead, they form CSH minerals that exhibit varying texture and elemental distributions.

## Repurposing slag deposits

According to the researchers, understanding these processes can inform strategies with which to repurpose slag deposits to capture carbon dioxide. This is especially the case for the calcite cement mechanism, which can capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere while eliminating the need to transport carbon and for additional processing facilities.

The researchers also said the precipitation of CSH minerals in the slag could limit the release of potentially toxic metals, such as vanadium and chromium, into the environment.

Knowing the precise way in which a particular slag deposit became a rock could also help recover valuable resources from slag deposits and increase the amount of recycled material in steelmaking.

Finally, the authors suggested hardened slag could be used to keep waves and tides from washing away shores and prevent coastal erosion – an approach that would combine environmental protection with waste management.

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Australia is developing options to vaccinate threatened wild birds in captivity. REUTERS

# *Australia, New Zealand brace for looming bird flu threat*

Reuters

Australia and New Zealand are bracing for the arrival of a destructive bird flu strain by tightening biosecurity at farms, testing shore birds for disease, vaccinating vulnerable species, and war-gaming response plans.

Oceania is the last region of the world free of the H5N1 clade 2.3.4.4b avian influenza that has killed hundreds of millions of birds and tens of thousands of mammals since appearing in Asia, Europe, and Africa in 2020, littering beaches with corpses and upending the agricultural industry.

While the region is somewhat protected by its geography, the virus is close, having reached Indonesia in 2022 and Antarctica last year.

Scientists and officials say there is a higher risk, particularly in Australia, of it arriving with smaller migratory shore birds during the Southern Hemisphere springtime months from September to November.

"It is clearly a threat to our country's ecosystems," said Fiona Fraser, Threatened Species Commissioner at Australia's environment ministry.

"Many of our species are found nowhere else in the world," she said. "Vulnerable species may face long-term population setbacks and heightened risk of extinction."

Officials fear mass deaths from the avian flu and even the near-extinctions of species, including endangered sea lions, black swans, and many types of seabirds, and the loss of millions of farmed poultry.

Over 100 million chickens and turkeys have died or been culled in the U.S. alone from this H5N1 strain, causing economic losses of up to $3 billion by the end of last year, according to the Council on Foreign Relations, a think tank.

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The virus killed around 50,000 seals and sea lions and more than half a million wild birds as it moved through South America in 2022.

It has also infected cattle in the U.S. and, in rare cases, people. Health officials say the risk to humans is low.

New Zealand is also unlikely to avoid the virus long-term, said Mary van Andel, chief veterinary officer for the country's Ministry of Primary Industries.

Both countries have intensified preparation.

Australia created a task force across government departments and stress-tested its preparedness in August and September with a series of exercises simulating an H5N1 outbreak in wildlife.

New Zealand has trialled a vaccine on five endangered native birds and said it could be rolled out to more species.

"We're super paranoid about those five species, because the risk to them of losing the breeding population is that we could lose the species," said Kate McInnes, science advisor at New Zealand's Department of Conservation.

Australia is also developing options for vaccinating threatened wild birds held in captivity, officials said. The two vaccination schemes are the only ones for non-farm animals in the world.

Farms are boosting biosecurity measures, including limiting contact between poultry and wild birds, monitoring employees' movement, sterilising water and equipment, and installing automated systems that detect wild birds and scare them away, industry officials from both countries said.

## THE SCIENCE QUIZ

# The peculiar properties of Nobel-winning crystals

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

Siva Shakthi A.

**QUESTION 1**

In the 1940s, researchers discovered that DNA molecules show an X phase when placed in a saline solution. This is because the molecules become aligned with each other and are able to flow like a fluid. Name X.

**QUESTION 2**

The two known forms of graphite, alpha and beta, can be converted from one form to another by altering the _____ _____ between the layers through a mechanical treatment process at a high temperature. Fill in the blanks.

**QUESTION 3**

Diamonds that have optically active defects are ideal labs for scientists to understand coherence and entanglement, making them potential candidates for quantum computing. What is the name of the locations within diamonds where these "defects" occur?

**QUESTION 4**

An Israeli scientist was awarded a Nobel Prize in 2011 for discovering and elucidating the properties of _____. The atoms in these materials are arranged with a fivefold geometric symmetry, producing a pattern that is repeating but not periodic. Fill in the blank.

**QUESTION 5**

_____ crystals are made up of two or more materials such that the crystal's refractive index increases and drops at regular intervals. Researchers are exploring their use in next-generation semiconductor lasers. Fill in the blank.

**Answers to October 8 quiz**:

1. Radar type that sends, receives pulses in two dimensions – **Ans: Dual-polarisation**
2. Force that contributes to cyclone formation – **Ans: Coriolis**
3. Closed air loops responsible for trade winds – **Ans: Hadley cells**
4. Composition of mixture used to fix zero point of Fahrenheit scale – **Ans: Salt and ice**
5. Cloud formed by strong updrafts of warm, humid air – **Ans: Cumulus**
6. 15th century wind speed meter with a rotating vane – **Ans: Anemometer**

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## NEWS IN NUMBERS

### The death toll from overnight Israeli strikes on Gaza

**18** The Israeli forces pressed on with a raid on the Jabalia refugee camp in the enclave's north. According to Israeli military, the raid, is intended to stop Hamas fighters from staging further attacks from Jabalia. AP

### Number of factories sealed by Municipal Corporation of Delhi

**84** The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) conducted inspections of 520 industrial units located in non-conforming zones. Of these, the units which violated the prescribed norms were sealed. PTI

### Funds sanctioned by the Tripura Cabinet to the tribal council

**30** In ₹ crore. The State Cabinet has sanctioned the amount to Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council for the execution of six development projects including the extension of a hospital. PTI

### The tally of polio cases reported in Pakistan this year

**32** Four new cases of polio have been reported in Pakistan — three from the Sindh province and one from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Only two out of seven regions are currently polio-free. PTI

### Potential spam calls identified by Airtel in Tamil Nadu

**112** In million. Bharti-Airtel has identified over 112 million potential spam calls and three million spam short messaging services in Tamil Nadu in last 12 days. PTI

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# On protests against Vizag steel plant sale

Why are employees including prominent unions opposing the sale of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the corporate entity of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant? Was the VSP a loss-making entity before the current protests? What are the two main demands of the employees?

EXPLAINER

Sumit Bhattacharjee

**The story so far:**

Ever since Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the 100% strategic sale of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the corporate entity of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), in January 2021, employees of the plant affiliated to various unions such as AITUC, CITU and INTUC, have protested against the move and stalled all plans of takeover by any private company. The VSP is the only shore-based steel making public sector unit (PSU) in the country.

**What is the status of the plant now?**

So far neither the designated members of the Legal Committee or the Assessment Committee have been able to enter the plant in order for the government to issue an Expression of Interest as protestors keep stalling them. Thus, the sale plans have been delayed, and the Union Government has stopped extending support to the plant.

Moreover, in the last three years, the plant has ended up making huge losses and its daily production has come down drastically, since only one blast furnace is now operational among the three furnaces. The management has cut all benefits for employees and salaries are delayed by over 20 to 30 days every month. The plant is so cash strapped that it is unable to draw even imported coking coal for its coke oven from the warehouses at the Gangavaram and Visakhapatnam ports. The plant at present has about 12,600 permanent employees and 14,000 casual workers.

**Why is the VSP called a legacy plant?**

The VSP has an emotive connection with the people of Andhra Pradesh. The struggle for the setting up of the plant in Visakhapatnam dates back to 1963 when Chidambaram Subramaniam, senior leader in the ruling Congress party and Minister, had announced the setting up of a shore-based steel plant in Visakhapatnam. Subsequent to the proposal, on July 1, 1966, the State Assembly, then led by Chief Minister Kasu Brahmananda Reddy, unanimously passed a resolution favouring the plant in Visakhapatnam.

**In rage:** Steel plant employees protest against the privatisation of RINL in Visakhapatnam, in 2021. PTI

But thereafter there was no progress on the project till Amrutha Rao a leader from Guntur took up a fast unto death at the gate of the Visakhapatnam District Collector's office, from October 15, 1966. Thereafter, things started to heat up, as students of various colleges in Andhra Pradesh took up the mantle of the protest. The protests then turned into State-wide strikes and led to the killing of 32 people in the month of November, across the State. The slogan *Visakha Ukku Andhrula Hakku* (Visakha Steel: the right of the people of Andhra) resounded across the nation and shook the then Congress government at the Centre. Therefore, on April 10, 1967, Indira Gandhi announced in Parliament that a steel plant would be set up in Visakhapatnam. About 20,000 acres of land from 68 villages were acquired for the plant and on March 20, 1990, the first blast furnace was dedicated to the nation.

**Why did the Centre decide to sell?**

The VSP has a huge land bank of about 20,000 acres that has a market value of about ₹1 lakh crore. Employees say that private entities are looking at it for its real estate value. The plant also has the latest technology and its capacity can be expanded up to 20 million tonnes. It manufactures high-grade quality steel and has good market presence. Additionally, it has two major ports in its backyard, within a 20 km radius.

However, the plant as of yet has not been allotted any captive iron ore or coal mines. As per the Mines and Minerals Act, every steel plant must be allotted iron mines for its sustainability. Since VSP doesn't have one, an additional ₹4,000 crore is spent on buying iron ore at higher prices. This clubbed with the payment of interest on accumulated loans of about ₹18,500 crore, has been pulling the plant down. The Union Government has not alloted a mine, despite the VSP making several requests, says former Chairman of VSP Y. Sivasagar Rao.

**What next?**

The protestors have two main demands. One is that the VSP should be given a captive mine. CPI(M) State Secretariat member and veteran leader Ch. Narasinga Rao says that the Union government instead of selling off the plant should allot captive mines and write off the loans, as VSP has paid over ₹58,000 crore to the Centre in form of taxes so far.

The other demand is that the plant can be merged into the SAIL (Steel Authority of India Limited). SAIL is planning a 20 MT expansion, for which it needs an investment of about ₹6,000 crore. If they take over VSP and start all its furnaces, take production to 100% and supply iron ore from its mines, it will get a 7.3 MT steel producing plant on a platter. This is a win-win situation for all including SAIL, VSP as well as the government, points out VSP employees and union members.

The strategic sale of the VSP has been a political issue and was used as plank in the 2024 elections. All parties including NDA partners such as TDP, JSP and now opposition parties YSRCP had promised to bail out the plant and see that the Centre does not go ahead with its sale. In a meeting with the FM, Steel Minister and the CM that was convened on October 8 in Delhi, it is learnt that the Centre is thinking of a revival package or a merger with SAIL. But this discussion has been going on since long and only time will tell what is in store for the RINL-VSP.

### THE GIST

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# What is the Samsung workers strike in Chennai about?

What is the South Korean electronics giant's union policy? What are the workers demanding?

Kunal Shankar
Sangeetha Kandavel

**The story so far:**

About two-thirds of the 1,800 employees at one of South Korean electronics giant Samsung's flagship factories in Chennai, have been striking work for a month now, demanding higher wages, an eight-hour work day, better working conditions and for the recognition of their recently formed labour union – the Samsung India Workers Union, or SIWU.

**What were recent developments?**

Tamil Nadu's Industries Minister T.R.B. Raja, speaking to the press on October 8, urged striking workmen to return to work, "in the interest of jobs for the youth and employment opportunities for the State." He said Samsung and a "workmen's committee" had reached an "agreement" on a slew of measures, including a monthly ₹5000 "productivity stabilisation incentive" to be paid to workers between October 2024 and March 2025. But striking workers rejected this agreement, accusing the "workmen's committee" of being company backers, and those who did not represent the interests of the majority of employees. While official sources said about 10 union members were arrested past midnight on October 8, leaders of the Centre of Indian Trade Union (CITU), the national labour union supporting Samsung India workers said "hundreds" have been arrested.

**What is Samsung's union policy?**

Samsung is South Korea's largest family-run business whose consolidated revenue in FY2023 was approximately $198 billion, which is more than one-tenth of that country's $1.71 trillion GDP for that year. The company runs businesses ranging from smartphones to an array of high-end components for the nation's 5G infrastructure, considered to be one of the best in the world. The firm has deep roots in the government, and often influences economic policies in South Korea. The founding family members have been embroiled in financial crimes, but have received pardons from South Korea's Presidents, as the firm's leadership role in the nation's economy is prioritised. In 2009, Samsung's late chairman Lee Kun-hee was convicted of tax evasion and embezzlement, but received a pardon from the President to allow Mr. Lee to 'lead the campaign by the South Korean city of Pyeong Chang to host the 2018 Winter Olympics.'

The company has maintained a 'no union' policy since its inception more than 80 years ago, until July 2021, when Samsung Display workers successfully agreed to a 4.5% wage revision. The next month Samsung Electronics workers won a major collective bargaining agreement that included recognising full-time union members and full pay for working extra hours on union duty. This happened after protracted legal challenges to the company's no-union policy. Now, several unions represent Samsung workers globally and its workforce worldwide is well over a quarter of a million.

**Why is SIWU not being recognised?**

SIWU has filed a case, which is ongoing, in the Madras High Court seeking "immediate" registration of its union. A registration grants a union legal standing and affords it certain protections under the TU Act. It grants the union immunity from civil and criminal actions during strikes. It also grants the union the right to enter collective bargaining discussions and represent members during disputes.

**What has been the govt.'s response?**

SIWU and CITU have questioned the T.N. government's 'indifferent' response and have accused them of siding with Samsung's management, while the government has denied such accusations. "The government seems to be in support of the management, there's no doubt at all," said R. Karumalaiyan, National Secretary, CITU. "Unionisation is an investment globally. There are even IMF studies that have shown this... In the Sriperumbudur (where Samsung's factory in Chennai is located) and Oragadam regions of Chennai, we have helped workers in more than 100 factories to unionise in the past decade. There is no empirical data to prove that we are deterring investments, or impeding production. In fact, we have proven that unionising has been beneficial for the companies and for workers. I hope better sense prevails with the DMK government", he told *The Hindu*.

### THE GIST

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# Siddaramaiah pitches for trade ties with Maldives

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday pitched for strengthening trade ties with Maldives to promote the marketing of Karnataka's handicrafts and handlooms in that country, which attracts a large number of tourists.

The Chief Minister made the proposal at a lunch hosted by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot for the visiting President of Maldives Mohamed Muizzu and his wife Sajidha Mohamed and other members of the delegation from that country.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said he was given to understand that the Maldives government was interested in having partnerships with leading IT firms of Bengaluru.

"We will be very happy to facilitate the growth of IT industry in Maldives," the Chief Minister told the delegation from Maldives.

"At the same time, we would be happy to have trade ties with Maldives to promote the marketing of our handicrafts and handlooms to reach out to the large number of tourists visiting Maldives," he said. "Karnataka is known for its diversity of nature, culture, and rich heritage," he said.

"I am pleased to note that Ms. Sajidha Mohamed was a student in Bengaluru," the Chief Minister said.

Interestingly, Mr. Siddaramaiah offered greetings and exchanged pleasantries with the Governor, who has attracted criticism from Congress leaders for giving permission to conduct a probe against him in the alleged MUDA scam. The Governor too reciprocated the Chief Minister's gesture.

Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu with Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

# Man arrested for cheating woman by promising marriage

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A 30-year-old man was arrested by the Govindpura police on the charges of cheating a woman by promising marriage, sexually assaulting her, and pressurising her to terminate pregnancies. The accused, identified as Bilal Rafeeq, a native of Kozhikode in Kerala, worked as a mechanic in the Merchant Navy. He was arrested following a complaint filed by the woman, who is from Uttarakhand and works as a nurse at a Bengaluru hospital.

As per the First Information Report (FIR), the woman befriended Mr. Rafeeq on Instagram in 2021, which led to frequent phone conversations. Over time, they developed a relationship. However, the woman alleged that despite her resistance, Mr Rafeeq forced her into a sexual relationship. In both 2022 and 2023, she became pregnant and was allegedly forced by Mr. Rafeeq to undergo abortions.

The situation worsened when, as according to the FIR, Mr. Rafeeq allegedly continued to have forced sexual encounters with the woman during her stay in a paying guest facility from February to April 2024. She became pregnant for the third time during this period.

The victim further stated that this August, her parents provided Mr. Rafeeq with cash and valuables, following his family's acceptance of the marriage proposal. However, in September, Mr. Rafeeq's parents reportedly subjected her to caste-based abuse, withdrew their approval, and threatened her.

A case has been filed against Mr Rafeeq under several sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for cheating and sexual assault, as well as under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The investigation is ongoing, police officials said.

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| Sl. No. | Survey Nos. | Town Municipal Khata Number | Measurement of Land (in Square Meters) | Conversion Order bearing Nos: |
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| 01. | 371/2 | 4368/368/3/371/1/ 371/2/372/368/2/397/ 368/4368/6/368/7 | 5,784.50 | ALN(D)SR 114/2004-05 dated 19th January 2005 & ALN(D)SR:68 of 2005-06 dated 13th May 2005 |
| 02. | 371/1 | -Do- | 290.90 | ALN(D)SR67/2005-06 dated 10th May 2005 |
| 03. | 368/6 (Old Survey No. 368/1) | -Do- | 1,601.60 | ALN(D)SR:49 of 2009-10 dated 7th June 2010 |
| 04. | 368/7 (Old Survey No. 368/1) | -Do- | 14.60 | ALN(D)SR:48 of 2009-10, dated 7th May 2010 |

and the proposed residential projects, being developed on the aforesaid survey numbers thereon at **'Brigade Orchards'**, in Ward No. 22, Devanahalli Town Municipal, situated at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and having uninterrupted rights and access over the common areas, passages, access roads, etc., and amenities provided therein in the **'Brigade Orchards'** and the aforesaid land is butted and bounded, that is to say, as follows:

**On the East by** Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 371/1;
**On the West by** Sy. No. 370 & Remaining Portion in Sy. No. 368/7;
**On the North by** Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 371/2; and
**On the South by** Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 368/6.

**Dated this 9th day of October 2024.**

Through its Advocates
**Partha Mandal, Founding Partner**
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5th Floor, 'Phoenix Pinnacle" # 46, Ulsoor Road Bangalore - 560 042
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## PUBLIC CAUTION NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients, 1) Kum.Aanya, D/o Sri. B.S.Mukund and 2) Sri.Arnav, S/o Sri.B.S. Mukund, Represented by their mother and guardian, Mrs.B.M.Rohini, W/o Sri. B.S. Mukund residing at No. 4162, Tower 4, Phoenix One Bangalore West Apartments, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru - 560 010 have filed a suit in O.S No.7588/2022 before the Hon'ble City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru (CCH-12) against Sri. B.S. Mukund, S/o B.S. Srinivas, R/at No.53, 16th Cross,10th Main, Near MES College, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 055 and Ors for the relief of partition, declaration, rendition of accounts among other reliefs in respect of property bearing No.67/4, Near Ullas Theatre, Rahman Khan Road, APMC Yard, Industrial Suburb, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru - 560 002 (hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Property and morefully described in the Schedule hereunder) and certain other properties.

The suit in O.S No.7588/2022 is pending consideration before the Hon'ble City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru (CCH-12) and all the contesting Defendants are duly served.

My clients have a valid right, title and interest and are in joint possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property, which is a joint family property and to which my clients are entitled to a specific share.

We are reliably informed that Sri. B.S. Mukund and Ors are attempting to defraud / cheat innocent persons by entering into sale / lease / leave and licence deeds and other transactions with them by collecting substantial amounts towards the sale consideration / deposits agreed to with such persons by suppressing the pendency of the suit in O.S No.7588/2022 pending consideration before the Hon'ble City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru (CCH-12).

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public not to deal with or enter into any agreement to purchase / lease / leave and licence / sale deed or any other arrangement in respect of property bearing No.67/4, Near Ullas Theatre, Rahman Khan Road, APMC Yard, Industrial Suburb, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru - 560 002.

If despite this Public Notice, any person has dealt with/proposes to deal with the Schedule Property, he/she will be doing so at his/her own risk and any such transaction, proposed or otherwise the same will not in any manner bind or affect the rights of my clients and/or the Schedule Property.

**SCHEDULE**

All piece and parcel of property bearing No.67/4, Near Ullas Theatre, Rahman Khan Road, APMC Yard, Industrial Suburb, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru - 560 002.

Sd/- **SIDDHARTH SUMAN**, Advocate
No. 206, 80 Feet Road, 6th Cross,
RMV 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore-94.
Bengaluru Date : 09/10/2024

## Government of Jharkhand
## Urban Development and Housing Department
## Nagar Panchayat Bundu

**e-Procurment Notice (Tenders Notice call)**
**Short Notice (3rd Call)**
**PR No – 334588 Urban Development (24-25):D**

| S.l. | Tender id | Name of work | Amount | Earnest Money | Tender Fee | Completion Of Work |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | *UDD/NIT/BNP/Park /RE/ 01/2024-25* | **Construction of Park/Green Space Under AMRUT 2.0 at Bhakuwadih, Bundu,** Jharkhand. | 2,24,62,176.00 | *4,49,243.00* | *10,000.00* | 09 Months |
| 5 | Date Of Publication Of Tender On Website | | 09-10-2024 AT 04:00 PM | | | |
| 6 | Mode Of Submission Of Bids | | E-Tendering .....http//:Jharkhandtenders.gov.In | | | |
| 7 | Date Start Of Submission Of Bids | | 09-10-2024 AT 04:00 PM | | | |
| 8 | Last Date/Time Of Submission Of Bids | | ***24-10-2024*** AT 02:00 PM | | | |
| 9 | Date Of Bid Opening | | ***25-10-2024*** AT 03:00 PM | | | |
| 10 | Last Date/Time Of Submission Cost of BOQ, Earnest Money And Tender Document | | ***24-10-2024*** AT 02:00 PM | | | |
| 11 | Name & Address Of Office Inviting Tender | | NAGAR PANCHAYAT BUNDU | | | |

NOTE :- Only E-Tender will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in& Notice Board office of the Nagar Panchayat Bundu.

**PR 338576 (Urban Development)24-25*D** **Executive Officer Nagar Panchayat Bundu**

## कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
## ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची।

**ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

ई– निविदा सूचना संख्या – RDD/SD/RANCHI/27/2024-25 E-tender

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

| क्र० सं० | कार्य का नाम | प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में) | अग्रधन की राशि | परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य | कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | राँची जिला के रातू प्रखंड अंतर्गत तिगरा पंचायत में तिगरा पी0डब्लू0डी0 रोड एवं बिजुलिया पी0डब्लू0डी0 रोड के बीच कोयल नदी पर पुल निर्माण। | 334.154 | 6,68,500 | 10,000 | 18 माह |

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 15.10.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 16.10.2024 से दिनांक 22.10.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, राँची।
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 23.10.2024 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची।
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 7903003903
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है, तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

**कार्यपालक अभियंता**
**ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल,**
**राँची।**

PR 338537 (Rural Development) 24-25 (D)

## E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया **BOI** Bank of India

**Bengaluru Zone :** # 11, 1st Floor, K. G. Road, Bengaluru-09.
**T.:** 080-2295 9407 / 08 | **E.:** bengaluru.ARD@bankofindia.co.in
AssetRecovery.Bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties Mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date, Time & EMD amount are mentioned below.

| Sl. No | Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s) | Description of Immovable Property With Known Encumberances | Branch Name Account No; Total Dues | Date & Time of E-Auction | Reserve Price EMD Amount | Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical) | Property Inspection Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **Mr. Ashoka S**<br>**Address:** No. 1 Uma maheshwari Nilaya 14th B Cross, Agrahara Dasarhalli Magadi Main Road, Bangalore. | **Location of the property:** All the pieces and parcels of property comprising vacant land situated at eastern portion of property bearing Site No. 27, formed out of converted Sy. No. 14/5, converted for non – agricultural residential purposes, vide conversion Order bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)/40/1994-95, dated 27.08.1994 and Sy. No. 13/8, converted for non - agricultural residential purposes, vide conversion order bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)/37/1994-95, dated 10.08.1994, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Within limits of BBMP, Bangalore owned by Mr. Ashoka S. Measuring: East to West: 20 feet North to South :40 feet Totally Measuring: 800.00 Sq. Ft. **Bounded By : East :** Site No 37 **West :** Western portion of site no 27 **North :** Road **South :** Private property | **Branch : Virgonagar Branch**<br>**A/C No: 840375110000134**<br>**For recovery of Rs. 40,09,108.20** (Forty Lakhs Nine Thousand One Hundred Eight and Twenty Paise) for Home Loan Alc - 840375110000134, with further interest @ 8.85 % p.a. from 30-09-2022 along with costs and other charges | 25-10-2024 Between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | **Reserve price:** Rs. 22,40,000 /-<br>**EMD :** Rs. 2,24,000/- | Symbolic | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM<br>Contact Priya Vishwakarma +91 8076274013 |
| 2. | **Mr. Prabhu Kumar**<br>**Address:** No 13 4th Cross Poojappabadawane Palanahalli Main Road Kattigenhalli Bengaluru – 560064 | **Location of the property:** All the pieces and parcels of property comprising vacant land situated at western portion of property bearing Site No. 27, formed out of converted Sy. No. 14/5, converted for non – agricultural residential purposes, vide conversion Order bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)/40/1994-95, dated 27.08.1994 and Sy. No. 13/8, converted for non- agricultural residential purposes, vide conversion order bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)/37/1994-95, dated 10.08.1994, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Within limits of BBMP, Bangalore. Measuring: East to West: 20 feet North to South :40 feet Totally Measuring: 800.00 Sq. Ft., owned by Mr. Prabhu Kumar S **Bounded By : East :** Remaining Eastern Portion of same Site no. 27 **West :** Road **North :** Road **South :** Private property | **Branch : Virgonagar Branch**<br>**A/C No: 840375110000135**<br>**For recovery of Rs. 39,23,367.31** (Thirty Nine Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven and Thirty one Paise) for Alc - 840375110000135, with further interest @ 8.85 % p.a. from 30-09-2022 along with costs and other charges | 25-10-2024 Between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | **Reserve price:** Rs. 22,40,000 /-<br>**EMD :** Rs. 2,24,000/- | Symbolic | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM<br>Contact Priya Vishwakarma +91 8076274013 |
| 3. | **Mrs. Vinitha James**<br>**Address:** W/o Mr. Christopher James, Plot No. 35 4th Cross, Brundavan Avenue Layout, Horamavu Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore 560043. | **Location of the property:** All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property (Land and Residential Building) bearing Southern Portion of Plot No 35, Sy Nos 59/1 and 59/3, 4th cross, Brundavan Avenue Layout, Horamavu, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore- 560043.BBMP Ward No 25 within the jurisdiction of Sub-Register, K R Puram, together with the buildings sheds. Standing thereon, Measuring East to West 40.30 ft and North to South 20ft Admeasuring 807 Sq Ft. Owned by Mrs Vinitha James W/O Christopher James Alphonse, **Bounded On: East by:** Road **West by:** Site No 41 **North by:** Remaining portion of Plot No 35 **South by:** Site No 36 | **Branch : Electronic City Branch**<br>**A/C No: 895275110000011, 895260210000006, 895260510000024**<br>**For recovery of Rs. 37,43,733.04** (Thirty-Seven Lakhs Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three and Four Paise) along with further interest thereon @ 8.80% p.a. from 01-03-2022 for Housing Loan (895275110000011), Rs. 3,57,828.09 (Three Lakhs Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight and Nine Paise) with further interest @8.80% p.a. from 01-03-2022 For Personal Loan (895260210000006) and Rs. 2,33,869.14 (Two Lakhs Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine and Fourteen Paise) with further interest @8.90% p.a. from 01-03-2022 for Vehicle Loan (895260510000024) along with costs and other charges | 25-10-2024 Between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | **Reserve price:** Rs. 57,00,000 /-<br>**EMD :** Rs. 5,70,000/- | Symbolic | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM<br>Contact : Preeti V Pai (Branch Manager) +91 9000785450 |
| 4. | **1. Mr. Ronak M Patel**<br>**S/o Mansukhlal Hiralal Patel**<br>**Address:** Flat No 106, First Floor, S2-Carnation Residential Apartment, Old Sy No.117/1A, New converted Sy. No 117/9, Present BBMP Khatha No 82, Horamavu Agara Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560043<br>**2. Mr. Mansukhlal Hiralal Patel**<br>**Address:** Flat No 106, First Floor, S2-Carnation Residential Apartment, Old Sy No.117/1A, New converted Sy. No 117/9, Present BBMP Khatha No 82, Horamavu Agara Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560043. | **Location of the property:** All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No 106, First Floor, S2-Carnation Residential Apartment, Old Sy No.117/1A, New converted Sy.No 117/9, {Conversion vide order No ALN: (K.R.P.H) SR:/22/16-17, dated 07/09/2016, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District}, Present BBMP Khatha No 82, situated at Horamavu Agara Village , KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk , Bangalore – 560043. Measuring super built up area of 994.00 sft and one car parking owned by Mr. Ronak Mansukhlal Patel S/o Mansukhlal Hiralal Patel, **Bounded on: East by :** Flat No.107 **West by :** Entrance thereafter flat no 105 **North by :** Open to Sky **South by :** Corridor | **Branch : Electronic City Branch**<br>**A/C No: 895275110000020**<br>**For recovery of Rs. 35,18,201.37** (Rupees Thirty-Five Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred One and Thirty-Seven Paise) along with further interest thereon @8.90% p.a. from 01-03-2024 for Housing Loan (895275110000020), along with costs and other charges | 25-10-2024 Between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | **Reserve price:** Rs. 42,51,000 /-<br>**EMD :** Rs. 4,25,100/- | Symbolic | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM<br>Contact Preeti V Pai (Branch Manager) +91 9000785450 |
| 5. | **Mr. Venkatesh K**<br>**Address:** Property No.87, Corp No.77, New PID No.126-W0091-2, 6th Cross, 3rd Main, Subbanna Garden, Ward No. 35, Vijaya Nagar, Marenahalli, Kemparpura Agrahara, Bengaluru - 560040.,<br>**Also available at** 370/1/5, 6th Cross Road, Govindaraj Nagar ward, Madava Upanagara, Vijay Nagar, Bengaluru - 560040. | **Location of the property :** All the part and parcel of the residential immovable property situated at No.87, Municipal/Corporation No.77, 6th Cross, 3rd Main, Subbanna Garden, Sy No.173, Presently 370/1, Vijayanagar, near SBM Vinayaka Layout Branch, Bangalore – 560040, Old PID No.35-32-77, New PID No.126-W0091-2, within the jurisdiction of BBMP, within the jurisdiction of Sub-Registrar, Vijayanagar, together with the buildings sheds, standing thereon, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 15 feet admeasuring 750 sqft., owned by Mr. Venkatesh K. **Bounded on: East by :** Site No.85 **West by :** Road **North by:** Northern portion of property No.77 (Old No.85) gifted to Mrs.K Bharathi and Mrs.K Saroja daughters of Mr.M P Krishnappa and Mrs.Puttanarasamma **South by:** Site No.88 | **Branch : Electronic City**<br>**A/C No: 895275110000001, 895262610000004**<br>**For recovery of Rs. Rs. 54,30,327.94** (Rupees Fifty-Four Lakhs Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Seven and Ninety-Four Paise) along with further interest thereon @10.75% p.a. from 29-04-2024 for Housing Loan (895275110000001), Rs. 29,14,633.52 (Rupees Twenty-Nine Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Three and Fifty-Two Paise) with further interest @10.75% p.a. from 29-04-2024 For LAP Loan (895262610000004) along with costs and other charges | 25-10-2024 between 11.00 am To 05.00 pm | **Reserve price:** Rs. 1,36,68,000/-<br>**EMD :** Rs. 13,66,800/- | Symbolic | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM<br>Contact Preeti V Pai (Branch Manager) +91 9000785450 |
| 6. | **Mr. Sushil Rao S and Mrs. Rekha S**<br>**Address :** Flat no 101 No 61 Skanda Kusuma Apartment 3rd main 5th cross Chamrajpet Bengaluru 560018. | **Description of the Secured Asset :** All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Land & Building at site no 658, BBMP Khata No 658/54 now numbered as 54 PID no 23-22-54 situated at 8th main road Prakash Nagar BBMP ward no 98 Prakash Nagar Bangalore District. Measuring east to west 40 feet north to south on eastern side 22.00 feet on the western side 29 feet totally admeasring 1020 sqft with residential building consisting of ground, first and second floors owned by Mr. S Sushil Rao and Mrs Mrs Rekha S w/o Mr S Sushil Rao. **Bounded on: On the North by:** Road **On the South by:** site bearing no 659 **On the East by:** site bearing no 685 **On the West by:** Road | **Branch : Cantonment Branch**<br>**A/C No: 840475110000421, 840425110000044, 840470410000144**<br>**For recovery of Rs. 1,18,08,150.64** (Rupees one crore eighteen lakhs eight thousand one hundred fifty and paise sixty four) plus interest from 30.05.2024 towards housing loan account no 840475110000421, Rs. 10,09,004.00 (Rupees ten lakhs nine thousand four) plus interest from 22.06.2024 towards Business loan overdraft account no 840425110000044 and Rupees 56,10,952.04 (Rupees fifty six lakhs ten thousand nine hundred fifty-two and paise four) plus interest from 30.05.2024 towards Business loan term loan account number 840470410000144 total aggregate Rupees 1,84,28,106.68 (Rupees one Crore eighty-four lakhs twenty eight thousand one hundred six and paise sixty eight) with further interest thereon @ 8.90% p.a. for housing loan and 10.85% p.a. for business loan along with costs and other charges | 11-11-2024 between 11.00 am To 05.00 pm | **Reserve price:** Rs. 1,55,47,000/-<br>**EMD :** Rs.15,54,700/- | Symbolic | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM<br>Contact Purushothaman Chinnarajalu +916381209280 |
| 7. | **Mr. Girish Kumar K T**<br>**Address:** No.403, 3rd Floor, 1st Main Road, ITI layout, Nayandahalli, Mysore Road Nandahalli, Bangalore-560039,<br>**Also available at** Flat No. C-209, Second Floor, C-Block, Sigma Serenity Apartments, Situated in SY No.173, New No.223 of Indlabele Village, Attibele Village, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 562107. | **Location of the property: Schedule 'A' Property:** All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing old Sy.No.173 , New Sy.No 223, measuring 2 acres, situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, an apartment building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" Constructed there on the Ground Floor+ Three Floor and a Stilt floor for parking space, with common areas such as passage, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use. Which is converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No. ALN (A)(A)/SR/107/ 2010-11, Dated 22.03.2010 order passed by special deputy commissioner, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore and the layout plan approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide Letter No. APA/LAO/103/ 2012-13 and **bounded by: East by:** Sarjapura Main Road **West By:** Sy. No 173 **North By:** Sy Nos 180 and 181 **South By:** Sai Layout<br>**Schedule 'B' property** 372 Square feet of undivided right, title and interest in the Scheduled 'A' Property<br>**Schedule 'C' Property :** All the pieces and parcel of land situated at their residential immovable property bearing Flat No. C-209, Second Floor of C-Block, known as "SIGMA SERENITY", E-Swathu No.150200100200320764, Measuring 1007 Sq. ft of super built up area constructed in scheduled 'A' property and inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts vitrified titles flooring, stair cases and other areas of common use with one covered car parking space with all amenities in the stilt floor and the said apartment is **bounded by: East by:** Apartment No. C207 **West by:** Apartment No. D208 **North by:** Apartment No. D201 **South by:** O.P | **Branch : Chandapura Branch**<br>**A/C No: 848275110000088**<br>**For recovery of Rs. 52,17,989.39** (Rupees Fifty-Two Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Eight Nine and Paisa Three Nine) along with further interest at contractual interest thereon @9.25% P.A from date:29-04-2024 for Housing Loan (848275110000088) along with costs and other charges | 11-11-2024 between 11.00 am To 05.00 pm | **Reserve price:** Rs. 42,28,000/-<br>**EMD :** Rs. 4,22,800/- | Symbolic | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM<br>Contact Seema Kumari - +91 7739613961 |

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website https://www.ebkray.in For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.ebkray.in or https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders. The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. Date & Time of E-auction: 25-10-2024 & 11-11.2024 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

**Date : 03-10-2024, 08-10-2024, 09-10-2024**
**Place: Bangalore**

**Sd/-**
**Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**

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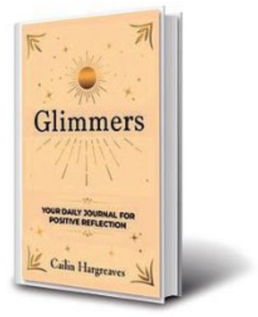
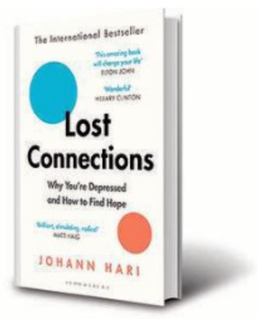
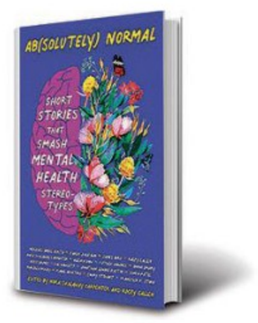



# Towards a journey of mindfulness with the help of reading

On World Mental Health Day, profiling books in which writers have come up with ways to overcome feelings of dread, when the weight of the world is overwhelming. While seeking professional help is a must, sometimes there is also hope in looking for thoughtful prompts

Soma Basu

The findings of a 2017 study published in *The Lancet Psychiatry* reported 197.3 million people with mental disorders in India. This included 45.7 million with depressive disorders and 44.9 million with anxiety disorders. So, one in seven Indian adults live with mental illness, yet very few want to talk about it. Despite awareness campaigns, stigma lingers and people resist reaching out for help.

Occasions like World Mental Health Day (WMHD), observed annually on October 10, try to remind us that living with a mental health condition does not mean that you are defined by it. The attention, however, to the importance of mental well-being is often limited to tokenism. Many times, when in distress, to read about someone who has had it tough makes books a far more useful way to process one's experience of depression, anxiety or stress.

Inspiring stories of others who have faced hurdles are aplenty. They help us to understand the importance of overall well-being, and books based on scientific research also work as a mental health toolkit as they suggest different techniques and options to overcome fear, failure and rejections. .

North African writer and poet, Cailin Hargreaves, in her recently published book *Glimmers* says she was diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder at the age of 10. The chronic pain and ulcers made her day-to-day living so turbulent that she found a safe space in writing. It helped her to give vent to her anger, dread and heartache without worrying about being judged or shamed.

**Grammar of happiness**

Cailin's book is a collection of poems and illustrations that make for a cathartic reading. "Life is full of hardships and dark moments that can leave scars; Yet, in those moments, we often find 'glimmers', small yet shining moments of hope and happiness that lift us up," she writes in her book and invites readers to explore their own 'glimmers'. It could be in a child's laughter or in a riotous sunset that thaws one's gloom in a way little else can.

Cailin's collectible journal contains thoughtful prompts and space for personal reflection as she guides people facing difficult days towards a journey of self-love and gratitude. Simple things such as making a playlist of your go-to happy songs, or activities that change your mood or thinking about a person who's been your anchor during rough times, Cailin's list helps to embrace the simple beauties of life to feel happy.

Another book, *Microjoys* (2023) by Cyndie Spiegel, also talks about the untapped practice of uncovering joy and finding hope at any moment. When the silver lining feels hard to find, spot the micro joys as they keep you afloat when you need it the most, she says. Katherine May's empathetic and lyrical storytelling is an inspiration for those who feel exhausted, depleted or helpless. In her book *Enchantment* (2023), she guides the reader to discover rest and ease in daily life by reconnecting with the quiet environment around them.

**Reduce stress and anxiety**

Stress is stated to be a common trigger for mental health issues but experts say chronic stress is an avoidable part of modern life. This year's WMHD theme 'It is Time to Prioritise Mental Health in the Workplace' highlights the need to create environments that foster mental health, and comes at a time when we are debating the recent death of a 26-year-old EY employee allegedly due to work stress under intense pressure.

The incident yet again flags the ignored subject of mental health. Perhaps reading can be a helpful tool for gaining knowledge when one is struggling with intense emotions – from dealing with trauma to battling burnout. For most authors convey, nothing is ever truly lost.

*Burnout* (2019) is a transformative and empowering book by two sisters Emily and Amelia Nagoski who explain why women burn out differently than men and provide a simple, science-based plan to help women manage stress, thrive under pressure and live a balanced life. Instead of asking people to ignore societal pressures that come in between the self and well-being, the sisters delve into how to fight back obstacles.

**Never too late**

It requires guts to share personal struggles. *Lost Connections* (2019) by Johann Hari focuses on causes that lead to depression and anxiety and why it is important to talk about it. On medication himself, Hari says unless we talk about mental health issues and the multiple factors, societal to environment, that contribute to it, we would remain challenged by the idea of not being able to cope at all. The book makes you feel you exist in a certain context and not in a vaccuum and how and why things happen around you and to you.

*Ab(solutely) Normal: Short Stories That Smash Mental Health Stereotypes* (2023) edited by Nora Shalaway Carpenter and Rocky Callen, is an interesting collection of 16 powerful and uplifting stories subverting mental health stereotypes. The authors draw on their own lived experiences with mental health conditions and underline why it is never too late to talk since it stitches back together a broken person.

Oxford-trained and NHS clinical psychologist, Dr. Kirren Schnack, argues that anxiety is not permanent. In *Ten Times Calmer* (2023), she offers a first aid kit of tools to deal with anxious thoughts and stress, managing uncertainty and safely tackling trauma. "Anxiety-free life is easier than we think, not everyone needs therapy and we can all do better with a bit of calm in our lives," she writes.

Sylvia Plath's *The Bell Jar*, Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*, *The Catcher in The Rye* by J.D. Salinger are all classics showing how sensitive minds are affected by social problems and chaos and how sadness, nostalgia, frustration can take over, driving one from depression to suicide. The literary studies are eye-openers of their times. But given the rising incidence of mental health issues, it is perhaps time to reshape policies.

Packed with information and insight, *Mental Health and Social Policy* (2013) by David Mechanic, Donna McAlpine and David Rochefort, takes a multi-disciplinary approach examining the nature, origins, distribution and consequences of disorders. The book walks through the basics – is mental health simply the absence of mental illness?; why do some people not think as clearly as others; and why every human being is unhappy at one time or another.

The *Family Guide To Mental Health Care* (2013) by Lloyd I. Sederer highlights the fact that mental illness spares no sex, race, age, ethnicity, or income level, and if left untreated, it can devastate families. It is a comprehensive book that tells you what to do, the first signs of a problem, best steps to be taken, where to find the right care, helpful medications and treatment options.

When nothing in the real world matters, books do, as they can help change perspectives on mental health. After all, mental health is not a luxury but a necessity.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

# Results of the 15th Assembly elections of Haryana was announced on Tuesday. Here is a quiz on Haryana's legislature

Vighnesh P. Venkitesh

**QUESTION 1**
How many constituencies were contesting in the first election in the State?

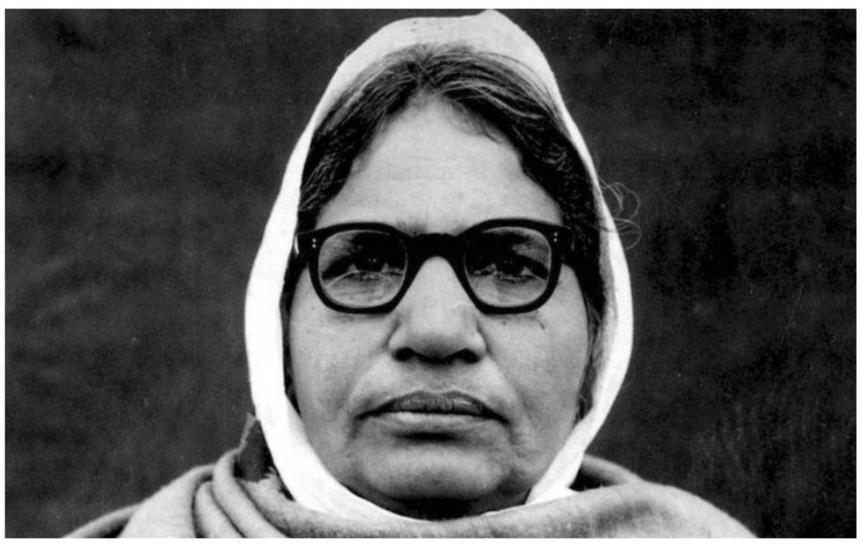
**QUESTION 2**
Which party won the highest number of seats in an election in the State? In which year?

**QUESTION 3**
Who are the three 'Lals' who shaped Haryana's legislative history?

**QUESTION 4**
Haryana has never had a woman Chief Minister. How many women have been elected to the Assembly in the history of the State, including the latest election?

**QUESTION 5**
How many times was the President's rule imposed in the State?

**QUESTION 6**
Name the elected Haryana MLA whose actions led to a famous Hindi phrase used in connection with defection.



**Visual question:**
Identify this person and the distinction she holds. FILE PHOTO

**Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:** 1. This country went to vote for a President for the first time on October 9. **Ans: Afghanistan**
2. This 15-year-old activist was shot at on October 9, 2012. **Ans: Malala Yousafzai**
3. This dam began generating electricity and transmitting it to Los Angeles on October 9. **Ans: Hoover Dam**
4. The Khmer Republic was proclaimed in this country on October 9, 1970. **Ans: Cambodia**
5. Born on October 9, 1864, this man was responsible for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. **Ans: Reginald Dyer**
6. This international day is observed every year on October 9 to commemorate the anniversary of this agency of the UN. **Ans: World Post Day; Universal Postal Union**
Visual: Identify this film and the person on whom this film is based. **Ans: *Schindler's List*; Oskar Schindler**
**Early Birds:** Dodo Jayaditya| Sonali Das| Tito Shiladitya| Piyali Tuli| Divya Sukhram Kumar

FROM THE ARCHIVES

# *Know your English*

K. Subrahmanian Upendran

"Hey, guess what? My cousin has been appointed as lecturer in your old college."

"He's been appointed lecturer! That's nice to know. Does he..."

"Wait a minute. I said he's been appointed as lecturer, and you said he's been appointed lecturer. Which is right?"

"Both are correct"

"Both are correct? Is "Mohan has been appointed chairman," the same as 'Mohan has been appointed as chairman"?"

"Yes. There was a time when 'appointed as' was considered incorrect. Not now. Now then, does your cousin like the job?"

"It's hard to say. You see, he hasn't settled as yet"

"You mean he hasn't settled in as yet."

"Settled in?"

"When you say you're settling in, it means that you're getting used to living in a new house or a new town..."

"And I suppose it also means you're slowly, but surely getting used to your new job."

"That's right So you should have said my cousin hasn't settled in as yet."

"It'll probably take him some more time to settle in his new job. Anyway, right now he's busy looking for an accommodation. Do you..."

"It's not 'an accommodation,' but just 'accommodation'."

"O.K., O.K. He's looking for accommodation."

"It's accommodation. The 'a' and the 'o' of the first and third syllables are pronounced like the 'a' in 'China'. The 'o' in the second syllable sounds like the 'o' in words like 'pot', 'hot' and 'cot'. And 'dation' rhymes with the word 'nation.'"

"So, it's accommodation, with the stress on the fourth syllable 'da'."

"That's right. Is your cousin having problems finding a place to stay?"

"I don't think so. But I hope he finds a place real soon."

"Do you hope that he'll find a place real soon, or, do you expect him to find a place real soon?"

"What's the difference? They mean the same thing, don't they?"

"No. they don't There's a slight difference between the two. When you 'expect' something to happen, there are good reasons for you to believe that it'll happen.

*I expect to get a distinction in the test.*

When you 'hope' for something, you want it to happen, but you're not absolutely certain it'll happen. 'I hope to pass the exam' means I have the belief that I'll pass the exam. 'Hope' implies confidence but not absolute certainty. As between 'hope' and 'expect' 'expect' implies greater certainty."

"So..."

"I haven't finished yet. When you 'hope' for something, it is always for something good.

*I hope to win the lottery.*

When we 'expect' something, that thing can be either good or bad. We haven't had a good monsoon this year; the farmers expect a bad harvest next year."

*Published in The Hindu on August 24, 1993.*

## Word of the day

**Debacle:**
a sudden and violent collapse; a sound defeat

**Synonyms:** fiasco, whipping, slaughter, thrashing

**Usage:** *The carefully planned party turned into a complete debacle.*

**Pronunciation:** newsth.live/debaclepro

**International Phonetic Alphabet:** /deɪˈbɑː.kəl/, /dɛˈbɑː.kəl/

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**BENGALURU**

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| **THURSDAY, OCT. 10** | |
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| RISE 12:22 | SET 23:52 |
| **FRIDAY, OCT. 11** | |
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| RISE 13:17 | SET 00:00 |
| **SATURDAY, OCT. 12** | |
| RISE 06:10 | SET 18:02 |
| RISE 14:08 | SET 00:51 |

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| Tumakuru | 31 | 24 |
| Mysuru | 30 | 20 |
| Bengaluru | 30 | 21 |

**Bengaluru Today**
**29°C** Morning will be pleasant. Day will be sight warm. Night also will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thunder-shower will occur.

**Bengaluru Tomorrow**
**29 °C** The weather will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light to moderate rain and thunder-shower will occur.

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# No grace marks for SSLC exam this year, says Madhu

During a recent review meeting, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had asked officials to scrap the grace marks system

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

There will be no grace marks for the SSLC exam from the academic year 2024-25, Minister of School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa announced in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

At a press conference at the Vidhana Soudha, he said reforms were brought in the examination system, including live streaming, webcasting, and CCTV camera installation in all examination centres, to put an end to malpractices.

"Earlier, the government had given 10% grace marks owing to the pandemic. But during the SSLC exams of 2024, the results fell owing to various examination reforms. Therefore, our government had given 10% grace marks. This year, students passed with a total of 20% grace marks. However, on the instructions of the Chief Minister, it has been decided not to give any type of grace marks to students appearing for the SSLC examination in 2025," he stated.

Mr. Bangarappa added: "In fact, the Chief Minister is upset with us for providing grace marks to SSLC students."

A file photo of students appearing for the SSLC exam in Mysuru.

It can be recalled that during a review meeting of the School Education and Literacy Department a few months ago, Mr. Siddaramaiah asked officials on what basis were the grace marks awarded. During the meeting, the Chief Minister instructed officials to scrap the grace marks system.

Following the 2024 March-April SSLC exam results, the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) had awarded 20% grace marks as the results dipped by 30%.

The department attributed the dip in results to the measures taken to reduce malpractices. Around 1.7 lakh failed students benefited from the 20% grace marks, and the results increased by 20%.

# Govt. ties up with J-PAL South Asia to provide quality school education

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

With an aim to provide quality education to school children right from pre-primary level with the help of technology, and to accelerate and scale policy innovations in school education, the State government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia, a technology company, on Wednesday.

The MoU was signed by K.N. Ramesh, State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha Karnataka, Department of School Education and Literacy, and Shobhini Mukerji, Executive Director, J-PAL South Asia, in the presence of Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa and J-PAL Global Executive Director Iqbal Dhaliwal.

According to the MoU, J-Pal South Asia will set up a learning lab to solve some of the biggest challenges in school education through science and data.

The lab will enable global research insights to shape Karnataka's school education policies while giving fresh impetus to scientific evaluations of new and existing school education programmes through randomised evaluations.

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) will leverage J-PAL South Asia's technical expertise to identify, adapt, and implement school education interventions effective in strengthening foundational learning and reducing learning gaps. This effort stands to benefit children across age groups, from early childhood to adolescence.

Mr. Bangarappa said owing to a lack of technology, children in government schools and rural areas are lagging behind in learning.

"It also affected their SSLC exam results. Also, when these children complete SSLC and come to urban areas for higher education or employment, they are left behind without proper skills. Therefore, the Chief Minister had also announced in the State Budget about imparting technology based education to the school children. Keeping all these factors in mind, an agreement has been made to provide quality education right from the pre-school level," he said.

According to the MoU, J-PAL South Asia will explore ways to integrate 'Every Child Counts', a game-based math curriculum, into their pre-primary school curriculum – Chili Pili Plus.

It will also serve as a knowledge and research partner on 'Maru Sinchana' and Ganitha-Ganaka, programmes to improve learning outcomes for the children of classes 3 to 8.

# MoUs signed to help UG and PG students

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

With an aim to provide technology-based quality education to undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students in Karnataka, M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education, has facilitated the exchange of Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with five organisations on Wednesday.

LLF will be conducting a 20-hour offline workshop titled 'Women and Artificial Intelligence Program' in collaboration with Dell Technologies, for girls of Government First Grade Colleges in Bengaluru, Tumakuru, Ramanagaram, Chickballapur, Mandya, and Mysuru.

In this programme, students will be trained in trending topics like elementary data and analytics, data analysis using Artificial Intelligence and job readiness skills, personality development skills, communication skills, and the like.

The MoU with MAP is expected to build art appreciation capacity among faculty and students, interdisciplinary and comprehensive learning, skill development and creation of research opportunities in art related fields.

Programmes to be offered by ICT Academy for government institutions include faculty development programme on IT/ITES, non IT courses, access to international research journals of ICT Academy, corporate partnership programmes, power seminars, and others.

Blendnet Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd. has created Sakshm, an online learning platform powered by Disha, an AI teaching assistant. Students of government polytechnics and government engineering colleges can practise coding problems on Sakshm and have doubts clarified by Disha.

Pantech Solutions India Pvt Ltd. will conduct a free faculty development programme (FDP) training, free resources, industry connect, free workshop for students and free online courses.

# Order on randomisation of students put on hold

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

On instructions of the Minister of School Education and Literacy, the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has put on hold its recent order regarding randomisation of students for the II PU practical examination of 2025.

The board clarified that the II PU practical exams will be held in the same pattern as before.

Earlier, the KSEAB had decided to randomise the students for the practical exams and issued two circulars in this regard on October 1 and 5.

According to these circulars, students of a college with a practical examination centre are not allowed to write the practical examination in the same college. Deputy Directors of the department were instructed to identify and recommend colleges which can be designated as practical examination centres.

However, this decision had irked the Karnataka State Pre University College Lecturers' Association.

# Heavy rains lash parts of Shivamogga district

**The Hindu Bureau**
SHIVAMOGGA

Heavy rains that lashed many parts of Shivamogga district on Tuesday night hit normal life. Many waterbodies are overflowing, roads are flooded, and vast tracts of agricultural land are inundated.

The thunderstorm started around 8 p.m. on Tuesday and continued until midnight. Puradal Dam, constructed across Barehalla, a stream, near Puradal village in Shivamogga taluk, was full by Wednesday morning.

Vast tracts of areca and banana plantations in Shivamogga taluk were flooded. Water pumps and other irrigation equipment in farmlands were damaged.

Hosangara taluk recorded rainfall of 63.3 mm against the normal of 7.3 mm. Sagar received 54.1 mm against the normal of 4.8 mm, Shikaripur - 61.1 mm against the normal of 5.5 mm, Shivamogga - 51.3 mm, while the normal expected was 7.2 mm, Soraba taluk received 50.8 mm against the normal of 6.3 mm, and Tirthahalli taluk received 52.9 mm of rainfall, against the normal of 6.2 mm.

Several parts of Chikkamgaluru received heavy rains on Wednesday.

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# State has third highest number of rural PHCs in country, but paucity of doctors is a major issue

**Afshan Yasmeen**
BENGALURU

Of the 25,354 primary health centres (PHCs) functional in rural areas in India, Karnataka has the third highest at 2,132. Besides these, 392 PHCs are functioning in urban areas. A PHC is the first contact point between the village community and a medical officer. The most rural PHCs are in Uttar Pradesh (3,055) followed by Rajasthan (2,179), according to the Health Dynamics of India (infrastructure and Human Resources 2022-2023) recently released by the Union Health Ministry. Maharashtra (1,906), Bihar (1,519), Gujarat (1,483), Madhya Pradesh (1,440), and Tamil Nadu (1,419) follow.

Karnataka has 2,132 primary health centres. FILE PHOTO

The number of rural PHCs in Karnataka has increased from 1,681 in 2005 to 2,132 in 2023. In 2005, 92 of the PHCs were functioning in rented buildings and 150 in rent-free panchayat buildings. In 2023, this reduced to 13 and 54 respectively.

The State Cabinet that met in Kalaburgi recently approved the construction of an additional 45 PHCs and 31 community health centres (CHCs) in Kalyana Karnataka, besides giving a nod to upgrade nine taluk hospitals.

### Taluk hospitals

Karnataka also has the second highest number of sub-divisional (taluk) hospitals in the country. Of the total 1,340 sub-divisional hospitals in the country in 2023, Tamil Nadu has 281, followed by Karnataka with 147, and Madhya Pradesh (144), according to the report that provides a detailed analysis of the health infrastructure and workforce across the country.

### Human resources

However, a look at the human resources has revealed that the vacancy position of doctors/medical officers in these rural PHCs has increased from 196 in 2005 to 340 in 2023.

In terms of specialists at the CHCs, of the required 758, only 451 posts are sanctioned. Of these, 178 posts are vacant resulting in a shortfall of 455 specialists in Karnataka's rural CHCs, according to the report.

While Karnataka has a shortage of 70 radiographers in rural CHCs, there is a shortfall of 810 pharmacists and 412 laboratory technicians in rural PHCs and CHCs put together.

In fact, shortage of manpower is a perennial problem in State-run hospitals. In 2022, the Karnataka Health Vision Group pointed out wide disparities in distribution and availability of specific and specialised manpower in government hospitals. It had recommended a clearly defined Health Human Resources (HRR) policy.

C.N. Manjunath, Bengaluru Rural MP, who was part of the group, said the need of the hour is to strengthen existing hospitals with adequate manpower. "The PHCs have just one doctor and if he/she is on leave, the doctor from an adjoining PHC has to manage. In this scenario, patients get to see a doctor in PHCs only on alternate days. Overall, the shortage is around 60% and it is a similar situation in almost all States," he said.

Asserting that there is a need to enhance the salaries of contract doctors to attract them to government service under the National Health Mission, Dr. Manjunath said he recently raised the issue in Parliament too.

"There should be a provision for manpower whenever the government proposes to construct a new health facility. Approval for capital and revenue expenditure should be given simultaneously," the doctor-turned-MP said.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said the State is working on augmenting human resources in a phased manpower. "To attract specialists on contract to our rural facilities, we are working on increasing their remuneration and offering attractive packages. We have realised that doctors are not coming forward to join our hospitals because of low salaries," the Minister said.

# Woman accuses BJP MLA of honey trapping two former CMs

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A 40-year-old woman has accused Munirathna, BJP MLA, of honey trapping two former Chief Ministers for political gain, and also alleged that she was raped.

"Mr. Munirathna misused private videos to secure his position as a Minister in the then government. According to my information, he honey trapped two former Chief Ministers. These incidents took place in Bengaluru in 2020 or 2021. If the government provides me with protection, I am ready to hand over the necessary evidence to the Special Investigation Team (SIT)," she stated at a press conference on Wednesday.

The woman also alleged that Mr. Munirathna, who is Rajarajeshwarinagar MLA, has exploited multiple women, including those living with HIV, and said they were too frightened to speak up. She alleged that the MLA owned well-equipped video recording equipment and that his cousin, Sudhakar Ramchandra Naidu, managed the operations.

"Mr. Munirathna possesses private videos involving senior police officers, politicians, and other MLAs. There are at least five to six other victims who are too scared to come forward. I was able to transfer some clips when Mr. Sudhakar was not around," the woman alleged.

She further accused Mr. Munirathna of raping her and forcing her to take part in honey traps.

Mr. Munirathna is currently in judicial custody as the SIT is investigating three cases against him.


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General Public are hereby informed/notified that my client **Sri Prakash Basavaraddi Koppad S/o Basavaraddi Koppad**, residing at No. 10/2, RKM Layout, 3rd Phase, Maragondanahalli, KR Puram, Bangalore East, has agreed to purchase the property, vacant site No. 03, Khatha No. 133/3, Property No. 19/2, measuring East to West 40 ft. & North to South 60 Ft. totally measuring 2400 Sq. Ft, formed out of the land in Sy. No. 19/2 measuring **1 acre 15 Guntas** suituated at **Moragondanahalli village, Bidarahalli Hobli-2 KR Puram, Bangalore-East Taluk,** from **1) Smt. K. Shanthamma W/o late C K Chowdappa, 2) Sri Hemanth Kumar Chowdappa S/o late C K Chowdappa and 3) Smt. Sudha Sathish D/o late C K Chowdappa, the legal heirs of late K C Chowdappa.** Any persons claiming any right, title, interest, possession or any other third party interest over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claims along with Documentary evidence within **15 days** to the undersigned. If any such objections/claims are not received within **15 days** from the date of this public notice, it will be understood that **1) Smt. K. Shanthamm W/o late C K Chowdappa, 2) Sri Hemanth Kumar Chowdappa S/o late CK Chowdappa and 3) Smt. Sudha Sathish D/o late C K Chowdappa** are the absolute owners in actual possession and enjoyment of the schedule property and my client is going to get registered the absolute sale deed in his favour in respect of the schedule property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All the piece and parcel of the property, vacant **site No. 03,** Khatha No. 133/3, Property No. 19/2, measuring East to West **40 ft.** & North to South **60 Ft.** totally measuring **2400 Sq. Ft,** formed out of the land in **Sy. No. 19/2** measuring **1 acre 15 Guntas** suituated at **Moragondanahalli village, Bidarahalli Hobli-2 Bangalore-East Taluk, Bangalore Urban** and bounded by:

**East by : Site No. 2, West by : Site No. 4, North by : 25 Ft. Road, South by : Site No. 1.**

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**Rail Wheel Plant/Bela**
**(Distt. - Saran), Bihar 841221**

**E TENDER NOTICE**
**E-Tender No: OH-SPG**

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Maint, Rail Wheel Plant, Bela acting for and on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender through Indian Railways specialized tendering portal **www.ireps.gov.in** from reputed firms based on single packet system for the under mentioned work. **(1) Name of work with its location and completion period. :** One time complete overhauling and Up gradation of Existing Sprue, Grinding Machines (02 Nos.) & Wheel feeding System in Mould Room at RWP-Bela with Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract for 05 Years. **(2) Approx. cost of the work :** ₹ 16,78,07,800.00 **(3) Bid Security to be Deposited :** ₹ 9,89,000.00 **(4) Tender closing date and time :** 11.11.2024 at 15:00 hrs. **(5) Pre-Bid Conference Date Time & Place :** 18.10.2024 at 14:30 at RWP/Bela. **(6) Website particulars, Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. :** For full details and submission of bid tenderer/bidder may kindly visit Indian Railways specialized tendering portal **www.ireps.gov.in**
The tenderer(s)/bidder(s) are directed to remain connected with IREPS portal **www.ireps.gov.in** for updates including Addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation with respect to the above tender.

**Dy. CME/Maint/Rail Wheel Plant-Bela**
**RWP/CPRO/Advt./2024-25/68**



**IN THE COURT OF PRL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE RURAL BANGALORE P&SC No.29/2024**

**BETWEEN:**
**1. SASWAT KUMAR DASH** S/o. Late Sidhartha Kumar Dash Aged about 57 years R/at No.C-901, Hill Crest Apartment, House of Hiranandani Begur Hulimavu Main Road, Akshay Nagar, Bangalore-560076
**2. SANJAY KUMAR DASH** S/o. Late Sidhartha Kumar Dash Aged about 53 years R/at Plot No.56, MIG-2, Kanan Vihar Phase-2, Patia, Bhubaneshwar, Kalarahanga KIIT, Khorda, Saheedanagar, Odisa-751024.
**3. APARNA MISRA** D/o. Aditya Narayan Misra And Late Jita Misra Aged about 27 years R/at N16, Rishi Apartments, Plot No.25/47, Sec-9, Rohini Delhi, Raja Pur Kalan, North West Delhi Delhi-110085.
**4. ADITYA NARAYAN MISRA** S/o. SHANKAR PRASAD MISRA Aged about 62 years R/at No. Flat No, 16, Rishi Apartments Plot No.25/47, Sec-9, Rohini, Raka Pur Kalyan, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085. .....PETITIONERS
**AND**
**-NIL** .....RESPONDENT

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Whereas** the above named filed this petition under Section.371 of the Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by Late. **SIDHARTHA KUMAR DASH** father of the Petitioners No.1 and 2 and grandfather of Petitioner No.3 and father-in-law of Petitioner no.4 herein who expired on 11-09-2023.
Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by a pleader duly represented **on 26-10-2024 at 11 am** inform to show cause against the Petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-Parte.

**SCHEDULE 'A'**
Savings Bank Account maintained in HDFC Bank in Account No.01321000113863 and Fixed Deposit Account No:50300915269430 at Ground and First Floor, Plot No. 10, Sector 6, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075

**SCHEDULE 'B'**
Fixed Deposit and Savings Bank Account at Punjab National Bank, situated at B-7, Mahavir Enclave, Palam Dabri Road, New Delhi- 110046 under customer ID No.020663934 and Account Nos: 11032100003660, 11033031011505, 11033051000459, 11033011000260

**SCHEDULE- 'E'**
Income Tax Returns of Late Sidhartha Kumar Dash for the Assessment Year 2023-24 under Pan No: AEMPD5419A
Given under my hand and seal of the court, this **30th September 2024.**

**BY Order of the court**
**Chief Ministerial Office**
**Senior Civil Judge Court**
**Bangalore Rural District**
**Bengaluru**
ADDRESS FOR SERVICE:
**SHRAVANS LOKRE**
**ADVOCATE**
No.3682, 13th Main, HAL 2nd Stage Indiranagar, Bangalore-560008



**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय**
**तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट**

**निविदा रद्द संबंधी सूचना**

एतद् द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि तेनुघाट बांध प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट अन्तर्गत आमंत्रित ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–WRD/TDD Tenughat/ IFB/SBD-10/2024-25 दिनांक 27.09.2024 जो विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित हुआ है, जिसका PR No. 337409 WRD (24-25)D है, अपरिहार्य कारणवश से रद्द किया जाता है।

PR 338679 Water Resource (24-25)_D

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट



**Office of the Executive Engineer**
**Road Construction Department, Road Division, Chaibasa**

**E-Procurement Notice**

**E-tender Reference No. : RCD/CHAIBASA/2024-25/16 Date : 09.10.2024**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Name of Work | Selection of Bidder for collection of user fee through fee collecting agency on the basis of the competitive bidding through on E-Tender Basis only at Km. 13+400 at Sanagajata Toll Plaza for the section from Km. 0.00 to Km. 47.86 (Chaibasa-Kandra Section) of State Highways No. 5 in the state of Jharkhand. |
| 2. | Estimated Cost (Rs.) | Rs 12,43,50,000.00 (Twelve Crore Forty Three Lacs Fifty Thousand) Only. Per annum |
| 3. | Time of Completion | 02 (Two) Years |
| 4. | Date of Publication of Tender On Website | 21.10.2024 at 11.30 AM |
| 5. | Last date/Time for receipt of bids. | 11.11.2024 Up to 3.00 P.M. |
| 6. | Date of Opening of Bid | 12.11.2024 at 11:30 A.M. |
| 7. | Name & address of office Inviting tender | Office of the Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Chaibasa |
| 8. | Contact no. of Procurement Officer | 7781899686 |
| 9. | Helpline number of e-Procurement cell | 0651-3510880 |

* Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtender.gov.in

**Executive Engineer**
**RCD, Road Division, Chaibasa.**

PR 338709 (West Singhbhum) 24-25 (D)



**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट**

**अति अल्पकालीन ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सूचना**

अति अल्पकालीन ई0 –निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या जल संसाधन विभाग/तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमण्डल, तेनुघाट/आई0 एफ0 बी0/एस0 बी0 डी0–12/2024–25 दिनांक 09.10.2024

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | कार्य का नाम | Rooting out and removal of vegetation on Upstream slope & Downstream slope of Tenughat Dam . (for 3 years), Rearranging disturbed Rip Rap and depressed patches., Closing Down the gap in U/S parapet wall and providing continuous parapet wall and removal of different components. , Clearing (Total length :26.83 km ) and Repair (Total length :7.56km) of longitudinal, transverse and toe drains., Clearing of approach Channel of TBLC and Removal of coffer Dam at upstream approach channel of TBLC., Filling good quality compact earth , benching and Turfing in D/S slope of Tenughat Dam., Whitewashing of parapet wall and painting of Railing . |
| 2 | प्राक्कलित राशि | रूपये– 8,07,17,822.00 (रूपये आठ करोड़ सात लाख सत्रह हजार आठ सौ बाईस ) मात्र |
| 3 | परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य | रूपये–10,000.00 (रुपये – दस हजार )मात्र। |
| 4 | अग्रधन की राशि | रूपये– 8,08,000.00 (रुपये–आठ लाख आठ हजार) मात्र। |
| 5 | कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि | 365 (तीन सौ पैंसठ) दिन। |
| 6 | वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि | 15.10.2024 को 11:00 AM बजे |
| 7 | निविदा समर्पित करने की अंतिम तिथि | 22.10.2024 को 05:00 PM बजे |
| 8 | निविदा खोलने की तिथि | 24.10.2024 को 03:00 PM बजे |
| 9 | निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता | कार्यपालक अभियंता, तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमण्डल, तेनुघाट |
| 10 | ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट पदाधिकारी का मोबाईल नम्बर | 8789848809 |
| 11 | ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का दूरभाष संख्या | 06546-267462 |

नोट :–
1. केवल ई–निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे।
2. प्राक्कलित राशि परिवर्तित हो सकती है।
3. किसी भी विशेष जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.inपर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
PR 338676 Water Resource(24-25).D तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमण्डल, तेनुघाट



**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय**
**ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, रॉची**

**अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

पत्रांकः– दिनांक–

अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा संख्याः–21/2024-25/RWD /EE/RANCHI

| क्र0 सं0 | आईडेन्टी फिकेशन संख्या/ पैकेज संख्या | प्रखण्ड | कार्य का नाम | प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में) अंक में | अक्षर में | कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि/ अवधि | टेण्डर कॉल नं0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | RWD/RANCHI/ 69/2024-25 | काँके | ग्राम राढ़हा, टोला मोढ़ा से डहुपनिया तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (लं0–2.550 कि0मी0)। | 3,17,68,400.00 | तीन करोड़ सत्तरह लाख अरसठ हजार चार सौ रूपये मात्र। | 15 माह | प्रथम |
| 2 | RWD/RANCHI/ 70/2024-25 | काँके | पिठोरिया स्थित मुण्डा मंदिर से पुसू स्कूल तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं0–1.300 कि0मी0)। | 1,28,93,000.00 | एक करोड़ अट्ठाईस लाख तिरनबे हजार रूपये मात्र। | 9 माह | प्रथम |
| 3 | RWD/RANCHI/ 71/2024-25 | बेड़ो | सिंगराय से कैरो तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं0– 1.230 कि0मी0) | 1,26,85,500.00 | एक करोड़ छब्बीस लाख पचासी हजार पाँच सौ रूपये मात्र। | 9 माह | प्रथम |

1. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथिः–**14.10.2024**
2. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समयः–**23.10.2024** अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समयः–**25.10.2024** अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
4. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पताः– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, राँची।
5. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0– 0651–2360137
   विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

**कार्यपालक अभियंता**
**ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग**
**कार्य प्रमण्डल, राँची**

PR 338589 (REO) 24-25 (D)



Government of Karnataka
**DEPARTMENT OF MINES & GEOLOGY**
**#49, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001**
**E-mail: dir-mines@karnataka.gov.in**

**No. DMG-17012/17/2024/2024-25** **Date: 08.10.2024**

**NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE INVITING TENDER**
**"Invitation of bids for grant of Composite Licence for Gold, Bauxite, and Copper blocks"**

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments notified thereunder, the Government of Karnataka has identified 1 bauxite block, 1 copper block and 4 gold blocks for grant of Composite Licence through auction and hereby invites tenders for electronic auction.

**List of mineral blocks for Composite License through auction**

| S. No. | Name of the block | Mineral | Concession Area (in Ha/Sq. Km) | Estimated resources (in MMT) | Tender fee |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Sivalinganahalli Gold Block | Gold | 23.48 sqkm | - | INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST |
| 2. | Salagudda Gold Block | Gold | 22.02 sqkm | - | INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST |
| 3. | Jainapura Gold Block | Gold | 19.45 sqkm | - | INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST |
| 4. | Shankarikoppa Gold Block | Gold | 15.85 sqkm | - | INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST |
| 5. | Navge Bauxite (Aluminous laterite) Block | Aluminous laterite (Bauxite) | 60.00 Ha | 0.083107 | INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST |
| 6. | Hunasihuli Copper Block | Copper | 200.00 Ha | 1.340000 | INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST |

Any person, firm or company who satisfies the eligibility criteria can participate in the auction. Technical and financial bids for the above listed blocks are invited online. Apart from the online Technical Bids, bidders will have to submit duly executed original physical copies of their Technical Bids to the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka.

Eligibility conditions, terms and conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form only at the website of MSTC Ltd **(http://www.mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/mlcln/mlcl_listing.jsp)**.

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves at the above website. On successful registration, bidders will obtain login ID and password, which are necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and summary of the block shall be available free of cost at the website of MSTC Limited **(http://www. mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/mlcln/mlcl_listing.jsp)**. For participating in the bidding process, the registered bidders will have to purchase the block specific tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd as per fees mentioned in the table for each block.

The GST at the rate of 18% on the purchase of tender document shall be applicable. The GST applicable is to be paid by the prospective bidder itself payable under the Reverse Charge Mechanism. The prospective bidder shall be solely responsible for remitting the GST as per applicable law and statutory liability in this regard will be responsibility of prospective bidder and no liability whatsoever shall be borne by the DMG Karnataka /MSTC.

The sale of tender document shall commence from **09 October 2024**. Last date for sale of tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd is **25 November 2024**. Last date for submission of Technical Bids plus the Initial Price Offers at the website of MSTC Ltd is **26 November 2024** (upto 17:00 hours IST) Physical copies of the Technical Bids must reach the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka on or prior to **17:00 hours IST on 26 November 2024.**

**Sd/-**
**Director**

DIPR/CP/2439/Zenkar/2024-25



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**LEGAL NOTICE**


IN THE COURT OF 57TH ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 58)
O.S. NO. 25537/2023
Hg. 12/11/2024

BETWEEN :
M/S. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001,
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Ms. Mansi Singh, Aged 24 years, D/o. Anil Kumar Singh, Fxncol@yahoo.co.in
Phone No. 8041216669
...Plaintiff
VERSUS
Mrs. USHA RANI. J
...Defendant

Summons / Notice through Paper Publication
Application U/o 5, Rule 20(1)(A) R/W 151 CPC

Mrs. USHA RANI .J
D/o. Jayanathan, Aged about 50 Years, C- 842, N T Block, KGF Bangarpet, Opposite Railway Station, KOLAR- 563 120

WHEREAS, The above named Plaintiff has instituted a case against you for recovery loan amount Rs 7,00,952.20/- (Rupees seven Lakhs Nine Hundred fifty two and paise Twenty Only) together with interest at the 24% p.a., from date of due till the date of realization.
You are hereby summoned to appear before O.S. No. 25537/2023 in Hon' ble Addl, City Civil and Session Judge, Mayo Hall (CCH-58), At Bangalore, Court in person or by an advocate/ pleader on 12/11/2024 at 11:00 A.M. to answerthe question of the same. Faling which the matter will be heard and determined as EX-PARTE".
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 04th day of October, 2024.

By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall, BENGALURU- 560 001

Advocate for Plaintiff
FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No. 99, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005

# Prices of festival essentials go up as supply takes a hit

This time, the quality and the supply of flowers have not been what they used to be owing to rains

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Fresh flowers arrive at Gandhi Bazaar ahead of Dasara in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Every year, Mahanavami (Ayudha Puja) and Vijayadashami are bumper business days for flowers, fruits, and ashgourd traders in Bengaluru owing to the great demand. This year too, the prices of many of the festival essentials have gone up in the city markets owing to a small supply shortfall.

As of Wednesday, the price of sevanthige (chrysanthemum) was around ₹250 per kg (good quality), while roses were selling at ₹250 to ₹300 per kg. Jasmine and kanakambara (crossandra) were selling at ₹600 and ₹800 per kg in wholesale markets. Although these have doubled owing to the festival, the prices of jasmine and kanakambara usually go beyond ₹1,000 per kg during this season. This time, the quality and the supply of flowers have taken a hit owing to rainfall.

"The supply also is not great this time owing to rainfall. We get sevanthige and roses from Gauribidanur, Chickballapur, and Doddaballapur, whereas jasmine and kanakambara come from Tamil Nadu. Since both the supply and the quality have reduced, the prices have not gone up too much. But it might go up by ₹100 per kg by Thursday," said G.M. Divakar, president, K.R. Market Flower Merchants' Association.

While the price of lemons, used in the puja of vehicles, has gone up to around ₹10 per piece, ash gourd which is also used for similar rituals, has not seen any significant price rise this year.

"It is selling at ₹12 per kg as there has been excessive production and no matching demand," said Anand Giri, a trader in K.R. Market.

Ash gourd is usually bought whole for the festival and a whole gourd can weigh anywhere between two and four kg on an average.

In retail markets, one whole ash gourd was selling at around ₹50 to ₹85 on Wednesday, while online markets showed it as "out of stock" almost through the day.

"I wanted to buy an ash gourd on Wednesday as I feared that it might get costlier on Thursday just before the festival. Since I order most of my vegetables online now, I kept checking throughout the day for whole ash gourds and it appeared that it was out of stock on multiple online marts," said Rama K., a resident of Guttahalli.

Other vegetables which have been selling at a higher price regularly have seen a slight increase of ₹5 to ₹10 per kg owing to the festivals.

The cost of beans is between ₹100 and ₹120 per kg, while carrot is selling at ₹65 and ₹75 per kg, cabbage at ₹30 and ₹40 per kg, and capsicum at ₹60 and ₹70 per kg, in retail markets.

After poor profits during previous festivals, the supply of fruits has also decreased this time.

However, most of them have seen a price hike of ₹10 to ₹30 per kg for the festival, according to Elu Maley, a fruitseller in Electronics City market.

While yelakki banana is being sold across the city at around ₹100 per kg, apple is going for ₹80 to ₹130 per kg, mosambi at around ₹30 to ₹80 per kg depending on the size and the quality, and orange between ₹100 and ₹130 per kg.

Prices on October 9*

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| **Flowers** | |
| Sevanthige (chrysanthemum) | ₹250 |
| Roses | ₹250 - 300 |
| Jasmine | ₹600 |
| Kanakambara (Crossandra) | ₹800 |
| **Vegetables** | |
| Ash gourd | ₹12 |
| Beans | ₹100 - 120 |
| Carrot | ₹65 - 75 |
| Capsicum | ₹60 - 70 |
| Cabbage | ₹30 - 40 |
| Lemon (per piece) | ₹10 |
| **Fruits** | |
| Yelakki banana | ₹100 |
| Apple | ₹80 - 130 |
| Mosambi | ₹30 - 80 |
| Orange | ₹100 - 130 |

* per kg

## Ayudha Puja funds for KSRTC buses increased

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Wednesday announced that the Ayudha Puja funds which are provided for Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses have been increased from ₹100 to ₹250 this year. A government order has been sent out for the same.

Until 2008, every bus was given ₹10 and in 2009, it was increased to ₹30. Later in 2016, it was increased to ₹50, and in 2017, it was increased to ₹100 and had been a norm ever since. There are 100 to 500 buses in each depot and the money will be sent out for those buses to the respective depots.

# A peep into documentation of a living heritage

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

The paintings depict the Dasara procession during the days of the maharajas. M.A. SRIRAM

The vibrant hues of Mysuru Dasara unfolding to a sea of humanity since October 3 seem to reflect the grandeur of the living tradition whose essence has been captured in a series of paintings in the Kalyana Mantapa of the Amba Vilas Palace.

A reminder of the cultural richness that has come to define Mysuru, Dasara is also among the most documented of this living tradition, which has been written about by medieval travellers and captured on canvas by artists.

Visitors to Mysuru palace get to view a series of paintings in the Kalyana Mantapa section where the oil paintings depict the Dasara procession and has captured the grandeur of the event as celebrated during the period of the maharajas. According to the Mysuru Palace Board, which has published a visitors' guide, these paintings depict celebrations of Dasara festival between 1934 and 1945, and are based on actual photographs. The artists who came up with the paintings are K. Keshavaiah, S.N. Swamy, Y. Nagaraju, S. Shankararaju, S.R. Iyengar, and Y. Subramanya Raju.

The Dasara paintings have a slice of history embedded in them as some of them have depicted illustrious personalities of the age of whom veena exponent S. Subbanna, C. Venkatagiriyappa, and Vainika Shikhamani Veene Seshanna have been identified.

One of the paintings has depicted R. Shamasastry who discovered Kautilya's *Arthashastra* at the Oriental Research Institute in Mysuru in 1905, published the Sanskrit edition in 1909 while the first English version was released in 1915.

Till its publication, the existence of *Arthashastra* was known only by references made to it by other scholars of ancient India. Dr. R. Shamasastry's discovery opened up new vistas in the study of ancient Indian polity and administration.

Other famous personalities of the age identified in the paintings include musician and composer Bidaram Krishnappa while one of the panels have depicted king's personal bodyguards, reckoned to be commandos vested with the responsibility of protecting the king.

Among the more celebrated paintings that has captured the grandeur of the Mysuru Dasara is the one in which the maharaja is depicted as seated in the golden howdah mounted on a caparisoned elephant with Chamundi Hills forming the backdrop.

The procession paintings also highlight some of the well-known monuments of Mysuru, including the St. Philomena's church on Ashoka Road. The procession no longer moves along Ashoka Road. It now passes through Sayyaji Rao Road, Bamboo Bazaar, Highway Circle and Nelson Mandela Road before terminating at Bannimantap Ground.

While the palace paintings capture the splendour of Mysuru Dasara of the early decades of the 20th century, there are lengthy descriptions by medieval travellers like Domingo Paes of Portugal who visited the Vijayanagara empire during 1520-1522 CE. Fernao Nuniz was another traveller from Portugal who visited between 1535-1537 CE and wrote about a 'great feast' spread over nine days.

## Death of ex-MLA's brother: 3 more held

**The Hindu Bureau**
MANGALURU

The Manglauru police have arrested three more persons in connection with the abetment to suicide case registered in connection with death of B.M. Mumtaz Ali, 52, businessman and younger brother of B.A. Mohiuddin Bava, former Congress MLA of Mangaluru City North.

The police gave names of arrested persons as Abdul Sattar, sand trader Kalandar Shafi, and Mohammed Mustafa. The police have already arrested Rehamatha Shuiab and her husband Shuaib. Search is on for Sattar's driver Mohammed Siraj Salam, the police said.

Mumtaz left his house in Baikampady in his high-end car on Sunday around 3 a.m.

On the way, he sent a voice message to the family group stating the names of some persons who were extorting money from him and he was hence ending his life.

Mumtaz hit a bus and then stopped the car on Kuloor bridge. He jumped into the Phalguni river on Sunday and his body was found on Monday.

In the complaint to Kavoor police, Mumtaz's brother Hyder Ali said the accused were blackmailing his brother and were demanding more money from him.

Apart from taking ₹50 lakh, the accused have taken ₹25 lakh in the form of cheque.

## Four booked for alleged misuse of MPLADS funds

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Halasuru Gate police have registered an FIR against four people, including the president of a religious institution, for allegedly misappropriating funds from the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and other sources.

The complaint was filed on Tuesday by 61-year-old social worker Alam Pasha, who has accused G.A. Bava, president and administrator of the Hazarath Hameed Shah (RA), Hazrath Muhib Shah Khadri institution, and its joint secretary Syed Rasheed Ahmed.

Mr. Pasha has also implicated Ziaullah Sharif, former president of the Central Muslim Association of Karnataka, and Javed Patel, vice president of the same association, for allegedly misusing funds.

The institution is governed under the waqf board, according to the complainant.

The police said according to the complaint, between 2018 and 2024, ₹1.73 lakh from MPLADS was allegedly diverted by Mr. Bava, Mr. Ahmed, and others for personal gain.

**BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD**

**INVITATION FOR TENDER** (Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders from registered agencies for the following works.

| Sl. No. | Division | IFT Number | Amount put to tender / EMD (in Rs,) | Last date & time for Submission of Tender | Date & time for Opening of Tender |
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| **Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.** | | | | | |
| 1 | South-1 | BWSSB/EES-1/TO/AE/1956/ 2024-25 Date: 05.10.2024 (CALL-2)(Reserved for ST Category) | Rs. 17,40,159/- / Rs. 21,800/- | 15.10.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. | 18.10.2024 after 4:00 p.m. |
| 2 | | BWSSB/EES-1/AE/TO/1957/ 2024-25 Date: 05.10.2024 (CALL-2)(Reserved for SC Category) | Rs. 71,61,460/- / Rs. 71,700/- | 22.10.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. | 24.10.2024 after 4:00 p.m. |
| | | | | | Sd/- Executive Engineer (South)-1. |
| 3 | South-2 | BWSSB/EES2/PB/1069/ 2024-25 Date: 04.10.2024 (CALL-2) | Rs. 36,28,293/- / Rs. 85,630/- | 23.10.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. | 25.10.2024 after 4:00 p.m. |
| | | | | | Sd/- Executive Engineer (South)-2. |
| **Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.** | | | | | |
| 4 | East-2 | BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT 1125 (Reserved for ST Category) | Rs. 63,06,000/- / Rs. 63,100/- | 24.10.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. | 28.10.2024 at 4:00 p.m. |
| | | | | | Sd/- Executive Engineer (East)-2. |
| **Office of the Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.** | | | | | |
| 5 | North West-2 | BWSSB/EENW-2/TO/PB/3010/ 2024-25 Date: 07.10.2024 | Rs. 37,67,378/- / Rs. 75,400/- | 28.10.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. | 29.10.2024 after 4:30 p.m. |
| 6 | | BWSSB/EENW-2/TO/PB/3010/ 2024-25 Date: 07.10.2024 | Rs. 35,04,048/- / Rs. 35,100/- | | |
| | | | | | Sd/- Executive Engineer (North West)-2. |
| **Office of the Chief Engineer(Kaveri-Operation & Maintenance), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.** | | | | | |
| 7 | Kaveri (Operation & Maintenance -2) | BWSSB/EE(K-O&M)-2/STR/1381/ 2024-25 Date: 05.10.2024(CALL-3) | Rs. 39,15,686/- / Rs. 79,100/- | 30.10.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. | 02.11.2024 after 5:00 p.m. |
| 8 | | BWSSB/EE(K-O&M)-2/PB/1385/ 2024-25 Date: 05.10.2024 | Rs. 44,75,842/- / Rs. 90,000/- | 18.10.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. | 19.10.2024 after 5:00 p.m. |
| | | | | | Sd/- Executive Engineer (Kaveri-Operation & Maintenance-2). |
| 9 | Kaveri (Operation & Maintenance -1) | BWSSB/EE(K-O&M)-1TE/AE-1/ 1412/2024-25 Date: 05.10.2024 | Rs. 41,52,789.70 / Rs. 83,100/- | 08.11.2024 at 4:00 p.m. | 11.11.2024 at 4:00 p.m. |
| | | | | | Sd/- Executive Engineer (Kaveri-Operation & Maintenance-1). |
| **Office of the Chief Engineer(Design & Quality Assurance), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.** | | | | | |
| 10 | Borewell | BWSSB/EBWTE/AE/3526/2024-25 Date: 27.09.2024 (CALL-2) | Rs. 60,22,137/- / Rs. 1,20,500/- | 19.10.2024 upto 4:00 p.m. | 21.10.2024 at 4:00 p.m. |
| | | | | | Sd/- Executive Engineer (Borewell). |

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

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**BUSINESS CONNECT** — A Business Initiative

**Bengaluru Set to Shine with the Revamped Lucky Lakshmi Festival**

All India Gem & Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated Lucky Lakshmi Festival, themed "Get Blessed, Be Lucky," which will be held from October 22nd to December 9th, 2024, in Bengaluru. This year's festival promises an enhanced and immersive experience, incorporating valuable insights from past events. The revamped Lucky Lakshmi Festival will take place across prominent venues in Bengaluru, providing jewellers with an exceptional platform to connect directly with consumers. Attendees can expect a captivating blend of innovative designs and exceptional craftsmanship that merges modern elegance with traditional allure. With a prize pool around 10 crore, the festival will feature engaging contests and dynamic activities aimed at revitalizing the Indian jewellery industry and creating significant opportunities for participants. Visitors will have numerous chances to win guaranteed gifts, along with periodic, weekly, and bumper prize draws. Mr. Saiyam Mehra, Chairman of the All India Gem & Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC), expressed his enthusiasm on bringing the Lucky Lakshmi Festival to Bengaluru with its revamped features. Mr. Kamal Singhania, Convenor of the Lucky Lakshmi Festival, remarked that with enhanced offerings and a diverse range of prizes, they aim to celebrate prosperity and success in a grand manner, encourage everyone to participate and make the most of the Lucky Lakshmi Festival. Mr. Manoj Jha, Joint Convener of Lucky Lakshmi, noted that he is confident that this festival will delight customers and foster substantial growth for participating jewellers. Mr. Suresh Dhruv, Director GJC, added that they are proud to be part of this vibrant celebration of prosperity and eagerly anticipate its success in Bengaluru.

**Aster Hospitals Introduces Intra-Operative Electron Radiation Therapy (IOeRT) for Cancer Care — A First in India Bengaluru**

Aster Hospitals is proud to announce the launch of Intra-Operative Electron Radiation Therapy (IOeRT), a pioneering advancement in cancer care that will provide patients with cutting-edge treatment options in India. This innovative approach, now available for the first time in the country, aims to improve cancer treatment outcomes by delivering targeted radiation during surgery, minimizing damage to surrounding healthy tissues and significantly reducing recovery time. IOeRT offers numerous benefits, including: Precision Treatment, Reduced Side Effects, Faster Recovery, Improved Survival Rates. Alisha Moopen, Deputy MD of Aster DM Healthcare, stated, "The introduction of IOeRT at Aster Hospitals marks a significant milestone in cancer care in India. We are committed to providing our patients with the most advanced treatment options to ensure better outcomes and improved quality of life." Dr Sujatha Rathod, Director Medical Education expressed his enthusiasm for the new therapy, saying, "The launch of IOeRT is a testament to the strides we are making in cancer treatment in India. This technology will not only benefit patients in Karnataka but set a benchmark for cancer care across the nation." The press meet featured notable speakers including Dr. Somashekhar S P, Global Director of Aster International Institute of Oncology, Dr. M S Beliappa, HOD and Lead Consultant in Radiation Oncology at Aster Hospitals, and Francesco Zanetti, President & CEO of SIT Sordina. They discussed the transformative potential of IOeRT in reshaping cancer treatment paradigms and enhancing patient outcomes. The event marks a pivotal moment in the journey toward innovative healthcare solutions in India, and Aster Hospitals remains dedicated to advancing cancer care through continuous investment in state-of-the-art technology and expert medical talent.

**TTK Prestige Announces Shubhutsav- A Special Festive Offer, Elevating Home Cooking**

To celebrate the festive season, TTK Prestige has launched "Shubhutsav Festive Offer 2024," a special campaign running until November 15, 2024. Consumers can enjoy significant discounts and receive free gifts when purchasing Prestige products. This campaign features unprecedented offers and substantial discounts, along with additional complimentary gifts to enhance their appeal. Shoppers can save money while enjoying Prestige products during this festive time. Anil Gurnani, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer at TTK Prestige Ltd., stated, "At TTK Prestige, we've noticed that brands providing innovative products are highly valued by loyal consumers. Our goal is to deliver the most innovative and feature-rich products to Indian households at exceptional value. Shubhutsav presents a variety of benefits and discounts for our customers. We anticipate a successful season ahead and are excited for our valued consumers to take advantage of these enticing offers." This year's Shubhutsav offers are even more delightful and exciting than last year with TTK Prestige offering incredible discounts across all their product categories. TTK Prestige has made a place in the kitchens of India with their superior collection of innovative kitchen appliances and cookware. In addition to their range of feature-rich, durable, high performance and affordable products, their timely and responsive after-sales service makes TTK Prestige one of India's most trusted and loved brands. The company is always at the forefront of understanding customer requirements and bringing to them durable products with new and unique features. Sturdy, affordable and perfectly designed - every product of TTK Prestige is created lovingly and with great care.?For more details about the TTK Prestige innovative offerings from TTK Prestige, please visit (www.ttkprestige.com)

# High Court acquits three in 2012 terror conspiracy case

Court finds procedural flaw in the sanction for prosecution granted by govt. under the provisions of UAPA

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Finding a procedural flaw in the sanction for prosecution granted by the State government under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, the High Court of Karnataka acquitted three persons, including a Pakistan national, from the charges of indulging in unlawful activities in the 2012 terror conspiracy case that was allegedly hatched in the Bengaluru Central Prison.

The court acquitted Syed Abdul Rehman of Bengaluru, Afsar Pasha alias Khushiruddin of Chintamani, and Mohammed Fahad Khoya of Karachi in Pakistan from the provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the UAPA, 1967. However, the court upheld the conviction of Rehman under the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959, for illegally possessing a revolver and under the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, as some hidden explosive substances were recovered from the leads given by him to the police. A Division Bench comprising Justice Sreenivas Harish Kumar and Justice J.M. Khazi passed the order while allowing the petitions filed by Pasha and Fahad, who had questioned the 2023 judgment of a trial court for convicting and sentencing them to life imprisonment. However, the Bench modified the conviction of Rehman only under the Arms Act and Explosive Substances Act and limited his sentence to 10 years under these laws.

The materials collected during the investigation might not have been referred to the review committee, or if referred, the report might not have been placed before the sanctioning authority, the High Court noted.

The Bench noted that Raghavendra H. Auradkar, the then Principal Secretary to the Home Department, who was the sanctioning authority, had deposed before the trial court as a prosecution witness (PW-25) and stated that he "went through the chargesheet materials and the report of the Director of Prosecution and having found existence of *prima facie* materials, he passed the sanction order".

"... Section 45(2) mandates to consider the report of independent review authority. PW-25 has deposed that he was aware that the review committee had to recommend the sanction based on investigation materials and the government must consider the review committee report. His further answer in the cross-examination is that he could not remember whether the review committee was there or not when he passed the sanction order," the Bench noted.

Further, the Bench said that "his evidence makes two aspects abundantly clear, either the materials collected during investigation might not have been referred to the review committee or if referred, the report might not have been placed before the sanctioning authority. Thus the sanction order loses its sanctity, and it is vitiated. The trial court has missed this aspect."

**Cannot be sustained**

Therefore, the Bench said, the conviction of all the accused under sections 13, 17, 18 and 18B of UAPA cannot be sustained.

The other charges, including the charge of criminal conspiracy to recruit youths for the Pakistan-based proscribed terror organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) to carry out attacks in Bengaluru hatched allegedly within the prison and attempted to execute by Rehman after his release from the prison, could not be established as the police did no secure any independent evidence as these charges were mainly levelled based on the confession statements of the three accused, the Bench said.

The Bench also pointed out that there was no material to prove that Rehman, who spent a few months with the other two accused in the prison in different criminal case, was acting on their instructions given through telephone.

The Bench said that Pasha and Fahad could be released from jail if they are not required in any other case, and Fahad should be deported to Pakistan soon after his release. In the case of Rehman, the court said he could be released, if not required in any other case, provided he has already completed the period of sentence.

# I am here to play Test cricket, RCB is good only for 20-20, taunts Vijayendra

**The Hindu Bureau**
BELAGAVI

"RCB is only good for 20-20 matches. I am here to play Test matches," BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra said in Hubballi on Wednesday, responding to K.S. Eshwarappa, former Deputy Chief Minister, who has announced plans of forming Rayanna-Channamma Brigade (RCB) to fight for the rights of Lingayats, OBCs, and deprived classes.

"I do not want to say anything about the RCB. I only want to say I am here for the long haul. I do not indulge in such short-term activities," he told reporters. "Mr. Eshwarappa has been expelled for anti-party activities. He has no moral right to talk about the BJP."

**RCB's politics**

Mr. Eshwrappa has announced that the contours of the brigade will be revealed in a meeting scheduled for October 20 in Bagalkot, to be attended by several leaders and seers. Though he has called it a non-political outfit, its political significance is no secret, considering that BJP MLA for Vijayapura City Basanagouda Patil Yatnal has expressed support for this outfit. The common thread between the two leaders is that both are bitter critics of Mr. Vijayendra.

B.Y. Vijayendra

K.S. Eshwarappa

Rayanna is seen as a Kuruba icon (the community to which Mr. Eshwarappa belongs) and Rani Chennamma, a Lingayat (Panchamasali) warrior (Mr. Yatnal's community).

Mr. Vijayendra said in Hubballi, "Mr. Eshwarappa has said that I have become the State unit president by hoodwinking the BJP high command. It means he has accepted that I am a leader of some significance." He did not respond to Mr. Eshwarappa's description of him as an "immature leader". To another query, Mr. Vijayendra said the BJP was not trying to destabilise the government and that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has several competitors within his own party.

"Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar who has been publicly defending Siddaramaiah and claiming that the Congress government will last its full term, is in the race for the post," Mr. Vijayendra said.

"Most leaders are publicly defending Mr. Siddaramaiah as they want to be in his good books. They know that he will resign soon and appoint a successor of his choice. That is why all the leaders are praising him. They do not have real regard for him," he said.

# Three Dalit Ministers' dinner meeting in Mysuru amid continued speculations

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

Three Dalit Ministers in the Siddaramaiah-led government met for dinner at the residence of Minister for Social Welfare H.C. Mahadevappa in Mysuru on Tuesday night, amid continuing speculation over a leadership change in the State governmet.

Speaking to reporters here on Wednesday, Home Minister G. Parameshwara said Mr. Mahadevappa, who is also the Minister in charge of Mysuru district, hosted the dinner for him and Minister for Public Works Satish Jarkiholi. MLA for Kollegal A.R. Krishnamurthy was also present at the meeting.

**Plays it down**

Dr. Parameshwara played down the political significance of the meeting and said he accepted an invitation for dinner from Mr. Mahadevappa. He also said no politics was discussed during the meeting.

He reiterated that there would be no change of Chief Minister in the State. There was no need for Mr. Siddaramaiah to quit and he would continue for a full five-year term, he said. "I have been repeating this day after day," he said. "We are from one party and from one ideology. We keep meeting and there is no need to attach special significance to the meeting."

**MUDA case**

The dinner meeting came at the end of a visit to Mysuru by Mr. Jarkiholi, who has been meeting several party leaders, including All-India Congress Committee president M. Mallikarjun Kharge amid growing speculation over a leadership change in the State in the wake of charges against Mr. Siddaramaiah in connection with the alleged MUDA scam.

The meeting of Dalit Ministers also assumes significance in the light of the long-pending demand for a Dalit Chief Minister for the State.

## Thammaiah compares Satish to Siddaramaiah

**The Hindu Bureau**
SHIVAMOGGA

MLA for Chikkamagaluru H.D. Thammaiah of the Congress compared Minister for Public Works Satish Jarkiholi to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. He said Mr. Jakiholi is the only comparable leader to the Chief Minister in the Congress.

He said this at a programme to lay the foundation stone for the works of the Public Works Department at Tarikere on Wednesday, in which Mr. Jarkiholi also participated.

"Siddaramaiah is a simple and good man. After him, it is Mr. Jarkiholi who is known for his simplicity. He is our future leader," he said. Mr. Jarkiholi visited Mr. Thammaiah's residence in Chikkamagaluru earlier in the day.

However, Mr. Jarkiholi, told reporters in Chikkamagaluru that there was no question of replacing Mr. Siddaramaiah. "The discussion of change began within six months after our party came to power. Discussions do happen, but there is no change. We will stay firm for five years," he said. Reacting to a question on a Dalit leader becoming Chief Minister in Karnataka, he asked, "Whom should we remove then?"

# Cong. MLA booked for rape, kidnapping

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The city police registered an FIR against Congress MLA for Dharwad Vinay Kulkarni on Tuesday after a 34-year-old woman accused him of rape, kidnapping, and criminal intimidation.

The FIR names Mr. Kulkarni and his associate Arjun as the accused, according to the police.

According to the complaint, the woman is a social worker who first met the MLA in 2022. The MLA reportedly obtained her phone number from a farmer and began calling her, sometimes late at night. After several months, he allegedly made a video call while he was naked and pressured her to visit his house at Hebbal here. The woman alleged that when she refused, a group of rowdies allegedly threatened her with severe consequences if she did not comply.

On August 24, 2022, Mr. Kulkarni allegedly drove the woman from Hebbal to a secluded area near the Kempegowda International Airport, and sexually assaulted her. She alleged that the MLA threatened her to remain silent and promised to take care of her and also help her grow in politics.

The police have registered a case under Sections 506, 504, 201, 366, 376, 323, and 354 of the Indian Penal Code, along with provisions of the IT Act. Further investigations are under way.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kulkarni has lodged a complaint against Rakesh Shetty, the managing director of a Kannada news channel, accusing him of airing 'false news' after the MLA refused to pay ₹2 crore in an alleged blackmail scheme. He lodged the complaint at the Sanjaynagar police station on Tuesday, requesting action against the accused.

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**No:EE(PC-5)/TEND/03/2024-25** **Date:09.10.2024**

**ADDENDUM-1**

Ref:Tender Notification No: EE(PC-5)/TEND/03/2024-25 Dated: 07.10.2024
With respect to the above notification, the following items shall be read as below.

| Sl No. | Description | To be read as |
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| 1 | Name of the work: Construction of Bridge on the Upstream Side of Outlet No.2 located on the North Eastern side of the Madiwala Tank Bund Road, Bengaluru | Name of the work: Construction of Bridge on the Upstream Side of Outlet No.2 for the project 20.m Corridor for BTM Layout to Hosur Road along Madiwala Tank Bund Road, Bengaluru |
| 2 | **Amount Out to Tender:- Rs.4,84,79,726/-** | **Amount Out to Tender:- Rs.4,07,39,625/-** |
| 3 | **EMD: ₹4,84,79,726/- (Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-Proc & Rs.3,84,79,726/- through Bank Guarantee)** | **EMD: ₹4,07,400/- (Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-Proc & Rs.3,07,400/- through Bank Guarantee)** |

All other Terms and Conditions remain unchanged.
**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-5**

# Valmiki delegation seeks additional funds

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A delegation of legislators and leaders from the Valmiki community that met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah here on Wednesday urged him to release additional funds to the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation to make up for money lost owing to alleged financial irregularities so that poor beneficiaries would not suffer due to shortage of funds.

The community leaders, who were led by Valmiki Gurupeetha seer Prasannanandapuri Swami, expressed concern that financial irregularities would come in the way of providing benefits to poor people, including small and marginal farmers. They appealed to the Chief Minister to initiate measures to ensure that the irregularities in the corporation did not affect the beneficiaries. They also hailed the measures taken by the government against those responsible for irregularities.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah receiving a memorandum from Valmiki community leaders in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The Chief Minister responded positively to their request by saying that he would soon call a meeting of officials concerned to take steps as per their suggestion.

## Social justice: Ashok hits back at CM's remarks against RSS, BJP

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Taking exception to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah describing the RSS and the BJP as being opposed to social justice, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok on Wednesday posed a set of queries to him, including whether he was aware that the party had made a person from the OBC community the Prime Minister.

Referring to the Chief Minister referring to the Congress and himself as harbingers of social justice, he wondered why the Congress did not project a Dalit leader like Mallikarjun Kharge as the prime ministerial candidate and why they opposed the candidature of Dalit leader Droupadi Murmu in the presidential elections. Also, it was well-known that the possibility of a Dalit becoming Chief Minister was prevented in Karnataka, he alleged.

**TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD**
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| 2 | CE / TP-II / Trichy | E-03, C-04, C-05, C-06 | 4 |

For details of Works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: **www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**
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**Tender Notice NIT.No.26/CD/T.No.26/2024-25** **Dt. 09.10.2024**

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, tenders are invited under **"Two Cover System"** through online only for the following work from **Qualified Bidders** having experience in similar nature of works as mentioned under. Tenders will be received upto **15.30 Hrs** (as per server system clock) on **19.11.2024** and the same will be opened at **15.30 Hrs** (as per server system clock) on **20.11.2024.**

| Name of Work | Approx. value of work | EMD |
|---|---|---|
| **Creation of Infrastructure Facilities Viz. Formation of Internal Roads with side drain, culverts and providing Water supply distribution pipe line at SIPCOT Industrial Park, Manapparai Phase-I, (Zone-II) & Phase-II** | **Rs.2890.87 Lakhs (including GST @18%)** | **Rs.14,56,000/-*** |

* EMD should be paid through online in the portal (**https://tntenders.gov.in**)

The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/4203/Tender/2024 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**
Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture,
Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone Office, RHCS Layout,
Annapurneshwarinagara, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-72
**No.: SADH/RRN/TENDER/PR-08/2024-25 Date: 09.10.2024**

**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)**
**(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal Only)**

Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders to implement in accordance with KTPP Rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person / Agencies / Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour department for maintenance of Parks. **(Standard tender document: KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4).**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work |
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| 1 | Construction of Six water storage structure in RR Nagara Constituency Parks. **Amount (In Rupees.):** 2,40,00,000/-, **EMD Amount (In Rupees.):** 48,000/-. |
| 2 | Construction of Six water storage structure in Yeshwanthpura Constituency Parks. **Amount (In Rupees.):** 2,40,00,000/-, **EMD Amount (In Rupees.):** 48,000/-. |

**Calendar of Events: (1)** The tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **18.10.2024. (2)** Pre bid meeting: **21.10.2024. (3)** Tender Closing date: **25.10.2024. (4)** Technical bid opening date: **28.10.2024 (5)** Financial bid opening date: **After approval of Technical bid.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, RR Nagara Zone, BBMP**

# An illusionist's quest to do a vanishing act on barriers for the disabled

Magician Gopinath Muthukad, who is doing a first-of-its-kind magic-themed all-India tour to raise awareness on people with disability, speaks to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of his show in Bengaluru

**Shilpa Elizabeth**
BENGALURU

It's houseful at an auditorium in Vidyaranyapura. In front of the audience, on stage, is renowned illusionist and magician Gopinath Muthukad, shredding a newspaper sheet into pieces. He holds up the pieces in his right arm. Swish, goes his hand, and the paper is back in one full piece.

In magic, it's an age-old trick. But then Muthukad adds his own touch to it.

"A moment ago, this paper was torn into pieces. All it took was a magical touch to restore it. With a magical touch from all of you, we can create an inclusive India," he says.

The 60-year-old magician, who retired from professional magic in 2021, has been running Different Art Centre (DAC), an initiative aimed at empowering children with disabilities to explore their artistic talents. According to Muthukad, it was a show in Kerala's Kasaragode, where he met endosulfan victims, that inspired him to start the centre.

Three years later, he is back on the stage again, this time for an all-India magic-themed tour named 'Inclusive India' to raise awareness about disabled people and the need for inclusion. The event is backed by the Department of Empowerment with Persons with Disabilities and the Ministry of Social Justice and Development.

On the sidelines of the show in Bengaluru, he spoke to *The Hindu*.

Students of Different Arts Centre performing in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Gopinath Muthukad (left) in Bengaluru as part of 'Inclusive India' campaign. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**Your last tour was 14 years ago. What is the relevance of the Inclusive India campaign now?**
The last campaign in 2010 was for the Indian army. Vismay Swaraj Yatra was the last tour conducted for the public. It was in 2007.

Then, in 2021, I retired from my professional magic career. For the last five years, I have been giving my 100% to running DAC.

It has given me new learnings and showed me how important it is for our larger society to be inclusive and how crucial it is to build awareness of this. I realised how far ahead many other countries are compared to us in terms of inclusivity. Only if all stakeholders come together with the support of the larger public can we achieve the goal of an inclusive society.

It's very important that we build awareness regarding this among the public. The government departments are taking several measures in this regard. But often, it doesn't reach the public.

Hence this tour. It is an effort to take those measures to the public and build awareness around it.

The next question was 'how'.

Magic can engage people and convey something through it. So here I am in a magician's robe again to build awareness of inclusivity. I believe this is a first-of-its-kind initiative in India where a group, through art, tries to build awareness around inclusivity across the country.

**'If all stakeholders come together, with the help of the public, we can have an inclusive society'**

**Give us a glimpse of how the tour would take shape**
It commenced on October 6 and would culminate on December 3, which is International Disability Day. Across 36 venues, 41 events have been planned. The entire tour would be by road. Seven people, including my crew members, and I would keep travelling, while students of DAC who perform in each venue would come directly to the location.

I believe travelling by road would render it more meaningful. When we take up an initiative like this, we have the responsibility to put in certain efforts also. Hence the decision to travel by road.

Another intention is to understand how the country has changed. I was curious to experience the differences that have happened in about 20 years.

**It seems that you have strived to reinvent magic and make it socially relevant throughout your career**
A magician can create only 13 wonders using magic. New mysteries are a creation of the mix and match of these tricks. It's imperative to do that if you need to keep enthralling the audience. To create a magic show that is connected to inclusivity or any other socially relevant topic is not easy. It's a result of long and exhaustive research.

We need to select a topic, find the possibility of magic and entertainment in it, we need to ensure that people enjoy it.

For example, at the beginning of the show in Bengaluru, I performed a 'passing the parcel' trick using a watch. Then it was connected to an acronym for Words, Actions, Thoughts, Collaboration and Humaneness (WATCH), linking it with inclusivity. For such ideas, you need to brainstorm a lot. As we keep going, we might get new ideas. For example, before our show in Bengaluru, social worker Fr. George Kannanthanam made a few of us walk around the auditorium blindfolded. He wanted to show us how difficult it can be for a visually impaired person to navigate.

It's something that we can incorporate into our upcoming shows because the blindfold act is something that has been practised in magic for ages. We will keep adding such new ideas as the tour progresses, and by the time it ends, it will have a very new form enriched by all such ideas and experiences.

Gopinath Muthukad. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**How much time did you spend on research and planning?**
It took almost a year. In each location, we want to collaborate with the official departments and institutions there.

That helps us to reach the main stakeholders. So, coordination of all that, designing the show, content and travel map, and so on took time.

If you look at the travel route, you can see it's not a straight route. We are trying to cover almost all the states.

**We are living in the age of social media where attention span is lesser and magic tricks are being revealed by influencers. At a time like this, is magic a waning industry? How much scope does magic as a career hold?**
The scope of magic is immense, no matter what changes happen around us.

As long as people continue to be curious and are willing to be amazed, magic will thrive. But it's important that we do novel experiments with it.

Magic tricks being revealed aren't new. Earlier, it was done on TV, now on social media. But there is always the possibility of innovation.

I never tell people I'm going to entertain them. My intention is to say something to them.

So, I perform and then connect it to the message which I want to convey. This tour has also been designed like that. We hope that it will become a big success.

By the time it culminates in Delhi, there will be representatives from all states as performers. In that sense, it will be a national festival.

# *#CultureKatte to showcase syncretic tradition of nadaswaram*

Nadaswaram artists Sheik Mahboob Subhani and Khaleeshabi Mahaboob will perform in Bengaluru tomorrow

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Nadaswaram artists Sheik Mahboob Subhani and Khaleeshabi Mahaboob, both Padma Shri awardees and disciples of the legendary nadaswaram artist Sheik Chinna Moulana, will perform in Bengaluru on October 11, Friday, at the Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavangudi, at the second edition of #CultureKatte.

The event will be held by #ReclaimConstitution in association with the International Institute of Art Culture & Democracy (IIACD) and R.R. Naik Seva Trust during this Dasara season to showcase India's syncretic art traditions and initiate conversations on culture and the Constitution.

The performance also coincides with the birth centenary of Sheik Chinna Moulana, the legendary Nadaswaram artist and Padma Shri awardee who was widely revered for his role in upholding and enriching the syncretic tradition of this classical South Indian wind instrument.

Sheik Chinna Moulana and (right) Sheik Mahboob Subhani and Khaleeshabi Mahaboob. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The event aims to honour his contributions to the syncretic tradition and his music which became a bridge between communities.

**Syncretic values**
"Born in 1924, Sheik Chinna Moulana carried forward a tradition that seamlessly blended religious and cultural elements, transcending the boundaries of Hindu-Muslim divisions. His music is a testament to the deep interconnection of these communities, particularly in the sphere of temple music," read a release from #ReclaimConstitution.

He dedicated his art to the service of temples, especially the Ranganathaswamy Temple at Srirangam.

Prominent students of Sheik Chinna Moulana include his grandsons Kasim and Babu. In the list of his students are also the husband and wife duo Sheik Mahboob Subhani and Khaleeshabi Mahaboob, who continue this legacy of syncretic tradition. Khaleeshabi Mahaboob is one of the few women to have taken up the nadaswaram professionally.

**Classical ragas**
"They have not only preserved the rich repertoire of classical ragas and compositions but also perpetuated the spirit of inclusivity that their guru championed. ... Together, this husband-and-wife duo represents the continuity of a practice that transcends gender and religious barriers," the release said.

**The event will also feature the screening of a documentary about Sheik Chinna Moulana and a panel discussion about the syncretic traditions of India**

**Panel discussion**
The event will also feature the screening of a documentary about Sheik Chinna Moulana and a panel discussion about the Syncretic traditions of India. The panellists include historian Mohamed Kaleemulla, Historian and Professor Samira Junaid, Azim Premji University.

The first edition of #CultureKatte during Dasara 2023 showcased syncretic traditions such as the Rivayat songs of Muharram sung by Hindus in Agasanur of North Karnataka, the Rudra Veena tradition of the Dagars and the Mappila Ramayana of Kerala.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 10, 1974

## Rehabilitation of TB Patients: Governor's Appeal

Bangalore, Oct. 9: The Governor. Mr. Mohanlal Sukhadia, to-day appealed to industrialists to give jobs in their establishments to persons who had been cured of tuberculosis. The rehabilitation of such persons was the responsibility of society, he said inaugurating the 25th TB seal sale Campaign, organised by the Karnataka State Tuberculosis Association.

Mr. Sukhadia said tuberculosis was no longer a dreaded or fatal disease, and it could be cured and controlled.

People should get over the belief that even after the disease was cured, the contagion would spread.

## Job-seekers Cautioned

Bangalore, Oct 9: Persons in search of jobs were being cheated by some impostors, posing themselves as employers, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. M. L. Chandrasekhar, warned today.

Mr. Chandrasekhar told newsmen that these "employers" forged the letter heads of institutions like banks, and mailed them to the job-seekers, calling them for an interview and later relieved them of their money.

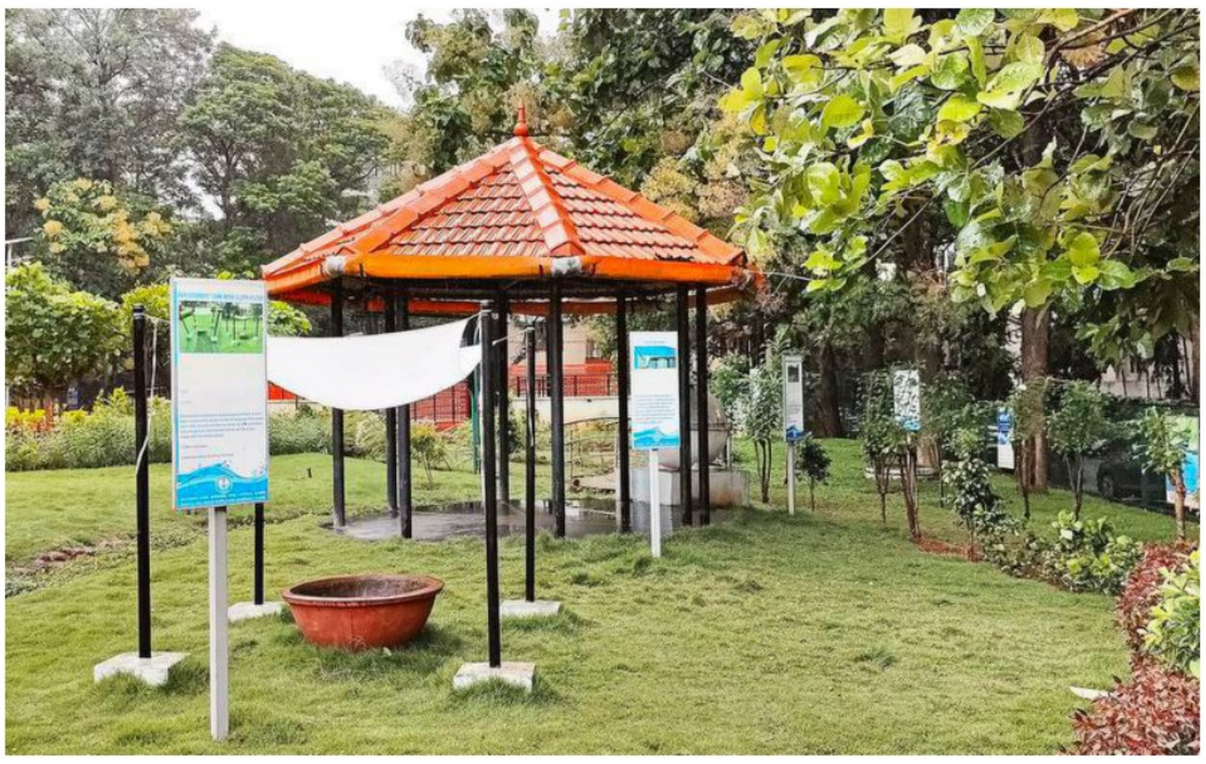
The Chickpet police took into custody a postgraduate student of a city college, who was alleged to have issued an "appointment order" after forging the seal of the State Bank of Mysore, and collected Rs. 175 from a person.

The K.R. Puram police arrested a person found in possession of cement without a permit and seized 149 bags of cement. The Magadi Road police rounded up three eve-teasers, who were later fined Rs. 60 each.

# Rain, rain come again

If you've mulled the installation of a rainwater harvesting unit, a visit to the Sir M Visvesvaraya Rainwater Harvesting Theme Park could clear your doubts

Rashmi Gopal Rao



**Exploring different facets** The Sir M Visvesvaraya Rainwater Harvesting Theme Park in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Come summer and the scorching temperatures bring with it woes galore. Water scarcity is one among them and Bengaluru was one of the cities that was affected badly this summer. There is little doubt that one of the key ways to mitigate water shortage is by rain water harvesting (RWH).

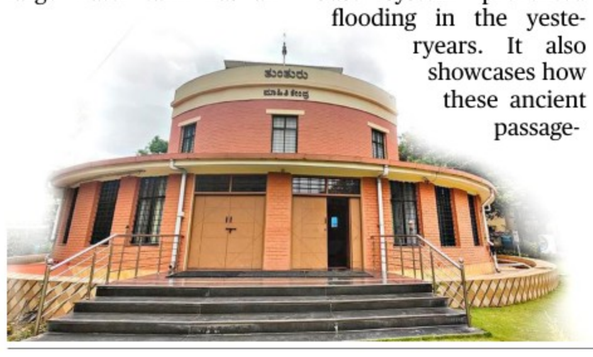
RWH is essentially a simple technique by which rain water is collected, filtered and stored for future use. As per the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) Act 72, RWH is mandatory for all existing buildings constructed on a plot of 2400 sq. feet or higher and for any new buildings proposed to be constructed on sites measuring 1200 sq. feet and higher in the city. BWSSB is a governmental agency responsible for water supply and sewage disposal for the city of Bengaluru.

In a commendable effort to educate citizens of the city about this concept, BWSSB in collaboration with the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST), established the Sir M Visvesvaraya Rainwater Harvesting Theme Park in 2022.

"The initiative of this museum and theme park was taken up by BWSSB with the objective of highlighting the importance of water conservation in the light of growing water scarcity. It is a treasure trove of information on all things related to RWH and an invaluable knowledge hub for people who wish to get trained in the implementation of RWH," says Sunil Basavaraj, Project Engineer, KSCST, IISc Campus.

**Exhaustive display**

The museum building which has been tastefully designed in the shape of a large water tank has an earthy, brick façade and is located in Jayanagar, south Bengaluru. The indoor section is divided into the three main areas – the central gallery, water gallery and sewerage gallery. With engrossing information boards, practical models and interesting trivia, the museum has been designed to keep visitors purposefully engaged.



The central gallery throws light on the numerous lakes which formed the lifeline of the city. It covers the way they were interconnected as well as the system of Rajakaluve or canals that were built during the British era. This robust system prevented flooding in the yesteryears. It also showcases how these ancient passageways of water as well as wetlands have now been closed by mindless urbanisation and its adverse effect on temperatures and water availability.

"The museum outlines several steps citizens can take to preserve the city's lakes and improve ground water levels. This can be done by RWH, avoiding the digging deep borewells, using bio-fertilisers and participating in anti-encroachment as well as cleaning drives," says Sunil.

The water gallery explains the basics of recharge through borewells and demonstrates how water percolates through different layers of the earth. It houses a comprehensive RWH house model and also educates visitors about body water and the importance of water in the human body.

"Visitors can also check their water content on the scale which shows both body weight and water content. The gallery also has information on how citizens can install aerators and restrictors on taps, shower heads and toilet guns. This simple solution can save substantial amounts of water," adds Sunil.

Did you know Bengaluru's original sewerage system was built in 1922 and served only the heart of the city? Or that as much as 53% of untreated sewage is let into lakes? The sewerage gallery explains all this and more. "This gallery has exhibits that demonstrate the water usage of different appliances in a home and how liquid waste is of two types – grey and black water."

"The former is generated from showers, washing machines etc and can be reused for toilet flushing, car washing etc. The latter is waste water that comes out of kitchen sinks and the toilet which can be reused for purposes such as gardening after tertiary treatment," explains Sunil.

**Models galore**

There are as many as 26 types of rain harvesting models installed in the gardens of the theme park which is lush green with different kinds of plants, including several medicinal species.

"From models for flat and sloping roofs as well as different kinds of pipes for these roofs, there are various models on display, including ones made from bamboo, fibre, PVC etc. We also have different kinds of filters such as wall mounted ones which are suitable for smaller roofs," he says.

Reservoir models such as cement tanks and earthen pots are also on display so potential users can easily gauge the suitability of the models for their homes. The pervious (porous) paver blocks laid all along the grass joints and walking paths provide the perfect example of how the underground water table can be replenished.

The museum also has an auditorium with a seating capacity of 72 with state-of-the-art facilities for training programs, discussions and conferences.

*Sir M Visvesvaraya Rainwater Harvesting Theme Park is at 8th Main Road, 40th Cross Rd, 5th Block, Jayanagar. It is open from 10a.m to 5.30 pm on all days except Sundays and government holidays. Entry is free.*

## CITYBEATS

### New menu, new vibes

**OCTOBER 10 TO 24**

MisoSexy has introduced Umami Ramen, a limited-edition dish packed with rich, savoury flavors that promises to leave you craving more. This is an exclusive offering, available for a short period of time.

*From 12pm to 1am at MisoSexy, Pan Asian Cocktail House, Indiranagar. For more informartion, contact 9663777858 / 9663777986.*

### Jazz fusion

**OCTOBER 11 AND 12**

MoonMot, a European quintet, takes the stage at Windmills this weekend. Known for their blend of acoustic and electronic sounds, MoonMot's performance promises an exciting mix of composition and improvisation across genres.

*From 9.30pm onwards at Windmills, Whitefield. Tickets: Seating: ₹ 2,000 | Standing: ₹ 750 (inclusive of taxes) at windmills-india.com.*

### Exploring art

**OCTOBER 12**

Join a special guided tour of the exhibition *Painting with Fire*, led by one of the featured artists, Tarik Currimbhoy. Get a glimpse of his artistic vision as he delves into the inspiration and processes behind his creations.

*From 3pm to 4pm at Museum of Art and Photography, Kasturbha Road. Entry is free but registration required.*

# Step into the spotlight

The much-awaited Ranga Shankara Theatre Festival is back, marking its 20th edition with a lineup of 20 plays staged over 20 days from October 10 to November 10. Produced by the Bangalore Theatre Collective, this milestone festival will showcase diverse performances in multiple languages, including Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Sanskrit, Lepcha, and more, offering a mix of traditional and contemporary works.

The first week promises an array of productions that cater to theatre lovers of all tastes. On October 10, *Honnu-Mannina Aata*, a Kannada adaptation of the classic *Mrichchhakatika* (The Little Clay Cart), will set the stage for the celebrations. Directed by Chidambara Rao Jambe, this play explores themes of wealth, survival, and the interconnectedness of life.

On October 11, Naseeruddin Shah's *Dastaan-e-Ashok-o-Akbar*, featuring Ratna Pathak Shah, brings an ancient form of Urdu storytelling, Dastaangoi, to life. The performance weaves a magical tale full of coincidences and mystery.

The festival continues on October 12 with *The Far Post*, a Lepcha-language play blending contemporary dance, mask work, and puppetry. Directed by Yuki Ellias, the play is set in a war-torn, mountainous landscape where two enemy soldiers navigate the afterlife.

Wrapping up the first week on October 13 is *Kahaniyan*, a Hindi production based on Kannada short stories, directed by Devendra Raj Ankur. This unique play explores the unheard voices of the subaltern, offering audiences a chance to experience stories in their raw, unadapted form.

In addition to plays, the festival will feature workshops, music baithaks, and puppetry performances.

*Tickets are available on BookMyShow and at the venue.*

Anagha Maareesha

**Spirited away** The bar and fermentary the Flavour Lab. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

# The art and science of flavours

In Bengaluru's Whitefield, Diageo India opens its doors to a Flavour Lab. Under the brand's The Good Craft Co initiative, which aims to put "Indian craft spirits on the global map", the lab is an experiential space for consumers and enthusiasts. Guided tours of their learning centre, experiential zones, scientific labs, and a bar where you can taste the creations; all under one roof. I take the metro one sunny afternoon for a firsthand walkthrough.

**Against the grain**

Innovation is the name of the game for the brand. Diageo's research and innovation centre has been at this property since 2010. It is here where brands like Greater Than and Godawan created some of their special and limited edition bottles. With the Flavour Lab, consumers now get a sneak peek behind the curtain.

I get off at the Nallurhalli metro station and am told to walk into the Vydehi Hospital. The speakeasy-like feel of it adds to the fun, much-needed after my long commute. My destination is on the third floor of the hospital building. The doors open to the lobby where we are welcomed by the team, and given an introduction about the brand.

Next we head to The Academy. This is a zone where experts give a masterclass on the process and ideas of craft spirit making, and the issues relevant to the topic.

While whisky is one of the main products of the research centre, the Flavour Lab will focus on different craft beverages, such as gin and rum.

They also want to throw the spotlight on heritage spirits from all corners of the country, be it toddy, mahua, rice beers and millet beers. Dr Kuldeep Agarwal, a food scientist, explains in detail about whisky making, grain quality, maturation and other topics. The masterclass is illuminating.

Next is our walkthrough of the lab where all the magic happens. In the cabins, spirits are tested on, blended, matured, experimented with and tinkered with till the perfect result is achieved. The labs have restricted access, but through the window we see researchers in lab coats and safety goggles, as Vikram Damodaran, Diageo's Chief Innovation Officer, explains what they are working on.

After this is the fun part – the bar and fermentary. Here is where they play around with the spirits. Mixologist Neil Alexander and Payal Shah, of Kobo Fermentary, get creative, and concoct cocktails and ingredients that work best with the spirit. Payal shows us various ingredients she has fermented from beetroot and lemons to whole garlic cloves and bananas. She explains the science behind fermentation and microbes.

Neil then takes some of these fermented products and creates cocktails. With no barriers Neil, a noted mixologist from the city, has let his creativity flow. We try a Sesegad cocktail, made of Dukshiri (a unique feni), craft Vermouth and spices used in making cafreal. Another drink that I love is called East India Company. Taking inspiration from the eastern part of the country, this has kasundi, pickled soy and raw mango, and gondhoraj lime, over a base of gin.

With this our tour comes to an end. The brand is hosting curated and personalised tours for small groups every weekend.

If you are interested, you can contact the team, and they will send you a questionnaire and a registration form. The tours are free of cost. The behind the scenes look at spirit making is both fun and educational.

*At Nallurhalli, Whitefield, Bengaluru. For details call 8618320996*

## Rahman rocks

Music composer A.R. Rahman performing at Yuva Dasara in Mysuru on Wednesday. M.A. SRIRAM

# Police crack down on protesting Samsung workers

Sources say 10 office-bearers of CITU-backed Samsung workers' union were arrested at their homes

**R. Sivaraman**
CHENNAI

Tension prevailed near Sunguvarchatram in Sriperumbudur on Wednesday with the police cracking down on the protesting employees of Samsung Electronics, by dispersing and arresting them.

Sources said that in the early hours of Wednesday, 10 office-bearers of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU)-backed Samsung workers' union were arrested at their homes. The *pandal* that had been erected for the workers to protest was also removed without notice.

However, despite the crackdown, hundreds of workers continued their strike in the morning in the open at the venue in Echoor village.

**Talking truce:** Police personnel speaking to the protesting workers on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

An argument had reportedly broken out between them and the police personnel, who had asked them to disperse. Eventually, the police arrested the workers.

Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu said the State government was not trying to curb the workers' protest, and that the police took action only against protests held without permission. The arrested workers have been released, he added.

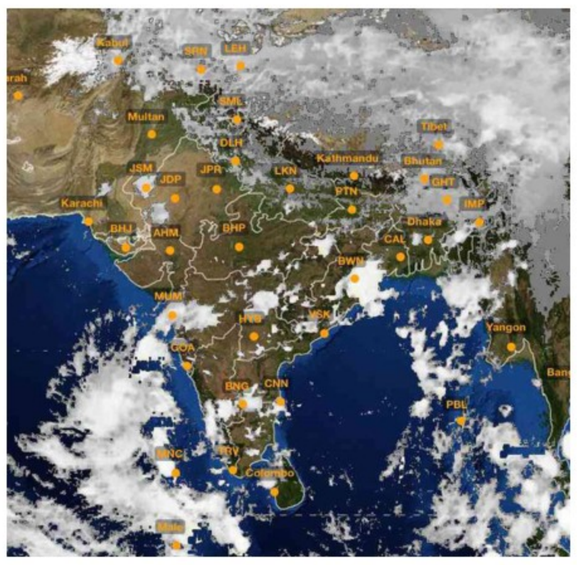
The 10 union members were released on their own bail, sources said.

The Minister told reporters at the Secretariat that the Labour Department would take appropriate action over recognition to the CITU-backed union at Samsung, based on the Madras High Court verdict.

The State government respected the sentiments of the workers and had no intention to curb their rights, he said, adding: "Samsung has objected to the CITU-backed union. The matter is in court now, and is *sub-judice*...We are not seeing the CITU as our enemy. We are trying to resolve the issue through talks..."

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday




TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Thursday:** Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Lakshadweep. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Telangana, Chhattisgarh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Gujarat

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | 2 | 33.4 | 24.4 | Kozhikode | — | 33.4 | 26.0 |
| Ahmedabad | — | 37.0 | 25.5 | Kurnool | — | 33.5 | 24.6 |
| Aizawl | 3 | 29.8 | 20.7 | Lucknow | — | 34.5 | 24.5 |
| Allahabad | — | 36.8 | 26.1 | Madurai | 2 | 32.5 | 24.6 |
| Bengaluru | — | 29.3 | 21.4 | Mangaluru | 0.1 | 31.0 | 24.4 |
| Bhopal | — | 34.4 | 23.0 | Mumbai | — | 30.6 | 26.3 |
| Bhubaneswar | 1 | 35.3 | 25.2 | Mysuru | 0.8 | 31.0 | 20.0 |
| Chandigarh | — | 33.4 | 21.0 | New Delhi | — | 34.6 | 22.8 |
| Chennai | 4 | 33.2 | 26.8 | Patna | — | 34.2 | 26.6 |
| Coimbatore | 10 | 31.2 | 22.6 | Port Blair | — | 31.0 | 25.2 |
| Dehradun | 0.2 | 32.3 | 19.8 | Puducherry | 0.2 | 33.8 | 25.9 |
| Gangtok | 14 | 20.6 | 16.7 | Pune | — | 32.4 | 25.0 |
| Goa | 98 | 29.6 | 23.8 | Raipur | 9 | 34.3 | 24.7 |
| Guwahati | 2 | 32.5 | 25.1 | Ranchi | 36 | 30.4 | 21.0 |
| Hubballi | — | 29.0 | 23.0 | Shillong | 5 | 23.5 | 15.8 |
| Hyderabad | — | 31.2 | 23.8 | Shimla | — | 26.0 | 15.9 |
| Imphal | — | 30.0 | 19.1 | Srinagar | — | 22.5 | 9.6 |
| Jaipur | — | 36.4 | 25.8 | Thiruvananthapuram | — | 33.5 | 25.2 |
| Kochi | — | 31.2 | 26.6 | Tiruchi | 10 | 32.7 | 23.0 |
| Kohima | 10 | 21.4 | 14.6 | Vijayawada | 13 | 34.0 | 26.0 |
| Kolkata | 7 | 35.4 | 26.2 | Visakhapatnam | — | 32.0 | 25.0 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | 2 | .25 | .22 | 187 | 171 | |
| Bengaluru | .17 | .33 | .64 | — | 116 | |
| Chennai | .17 | 3 | .62 | 56 | 53 | |
| Delhi | — | .89 | .83 | 184 | 340 | |
| Hyderabad | 8 | .35 | .76 | 35 | 58 | |
| Kolkata | 5 | .59 | .21 | 36 | 56 | |
| Lucknow | .10 | 7 | .65 | 88 | 85 | |
| Mumbai | — | — | .12 | 149 | 102 | |
| Pune | 6 | 131 | 101 | 157 | 120 | |
| Visakhapatnam | .10 | .30 | .13 | 36 | 57 | |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Imphal, Manipur recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 294 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

**Air Quality Code:** Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

# Himachal Pradesh examining Karnataka's skill development model for adoption

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Himachal Pradesh government is examining the possibility of adopting skill development programmes and initiatives from Karnataka.

During a meeting in Bengaluru on Wednesday, Himachal Pradesh's Minister for Town Planning, Housing, and Technical Education Rajesh Kumar Dharmani praised Karnataka's efforts in enhancing employability skills. He expressed keen interest in implementing similar strategies in his home State after discussions with his Karnataka counterpart and Minister for Skill Development and Medical Education Sharan Prakash Patil.

Mr. Dharmani, who visited Karnataka to study its skill development initiatives, was particularly impressed by the International Migration Centre-Karnataka. The centre has facilitated the employment of skilled workers – such as drivers, nurses, fitters, and technicians – in countries like the UAE, various European nations, and Japan.

"Karnataka has successfully placed skilled workers in international markets by focusing on employability skills. I am eager to adopt several of these programmes in Himachal Pradesh. Karnataka, with its leadership in technology and as the hub of numerous IT companies, offers invaluable long-term insights," Mr. Dharmani said.

Dr. Patil, who hosted the Himachal delegation, assured them that Karnataka would collaborate to share knowledge and upskilling programmes to support the development of Himachal Pradesh, an official release stated.

# Karnataka Minister sets six-month deadline for ACs to dispose of cases

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has set a deadline of six months for the assistant commissioners (ACs) of all the taluks to settle pending land disputes in their courts, during a video conference with all the ACs on Wednesday on the pending disputes in their courts.

**73,682 pending cases**

"There were 73,682 pending cases before the AC courts when I took over as Revenue Minister last year. Of them, 33,207 cases have been disposed in a year, which is a good development," he said.

He hailed them for their work by pointing out that speedy disposal had prevented farmers, who are litigants, from unnecessarily moving from pillar to post.

"The law says that the disputes before the AC courts should be disposed of within six months. But when I conducted the review meeting soon after taking over as Revenue Minister, it came to light that even five-year-old cases were pending. Such a tardy process affected farmers directly. Following this, the process of disposal of cases before the AC courts was expedited by taking it on a campaign mode," he said.

But the officials had to dispose of another 40,000 cases, he pointed out and urged them to continue with the task of fast tracing the dispute-resolution mechanism.

# Anvar comes to House in DMK colours

**The Hindu Bureau**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Independent legislator P.V. Anvar, who broke ranks with the ruling Left Democratic Front, was the focus of attention in the Kerala Assembly on Wednesday.

Mr. Anvar arrived in the House sporting the Dravida Munnetra Kazhakam (DMK) colours despite the ruling party of Tamil Nadu rejecting his overtures at the behest of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is brought to the general public notice that my client Mr. Thirumal Ragavan and Mrs. Deepa T are intending to purchase Site No 134, Property No. 1503004025-00600544, V.P. No: 1234/134 Situated at "SOAHAN SERENITY" Appajipura Village & Mallasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District carved out of converted Land bearing Sy. No. 33/1. In case any persons having any claim, title or interest over the same or any objections to the proposed purchase, they may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

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ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 020.

ನಂ:ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ಆ/ಉಕಾ–1/ಸಿ.ವಿ./668/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.10.2024

**ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

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ಸಹಿ/– ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

**CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED**
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Tamil Nadu)
(ISO 9001:2015 AND ISO 14001:2015 CERTIFIED)
METROS, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035

**GeM tender Id:GEM/2024/B/5426386**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

CMRL invites online bids for the tender "The Overhauling services and replacement of defective parts of TBUs (Tread Brake unit) and DBU (Disc Brake units) for 10 train sets of CMRL".

Tender documents can be downloaded from **https://gem.gov.in**

DIPR/4188/Tender/2024 **Chief General Manager (RS, S&T)**

**BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION**
**Traffic Commercial Department, 2nd Floor, Shantinagar TTMC, K.H.Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560 027.**

No.: BMTC/CO/TR/COM/1631/2797/2024-25 Date:09.10.2024

**SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 19/2024-25**
**(e-Procurement Platform)**

Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites offers/bids from the interested Persons/Agency for **Operation & Maintenance of Toilet Complex in Kempegowda Bus Station & Shivajinagar Bus Stand** through e-procurement platform. Date of Pre-Bid meeting: **15.10.2024 at 11:00 hrs. Place**: Mini-Meeting hall 4th Floor, Central Offices, BMTC, Shanthinagar. Last date & time for submission of bids is on **24.10.2024 up to 17:00 hrs.** Opening of Technical bids is on **26.10.2024 at 11:00 hrs.** Opening of Financial bids is **To be Intimated later.** Further details in this regard can be obtained in the e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or by Contacting: 080-46010000; 080-68948777; or, 7760991222, 7760997519. E-mail: ctmc@mybmtc.com.

**Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager (Com) (Tender inviting Authority)**

**CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SHAHABAD DIST: KALABURAGI**
www.shahabadcity.mrc.gov.in/email.ldditstaff_ulb_shahabad@yahoo.com

No: CMC SBD/15th Finance/SFC/2023-24/2024-25 Dated : 09-10-2024

**:: TENDER NOTIFICATION ::**

The Municipal Commissioner CMC Shahabad Dist Kalaburagi Head of Account 15th Finance Saving Amount 2020-21 & 15th Finance Grant 2023-24 & 2024-25 Grants, SFC 2023-24 (TSP) invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 rules 2000 through E-Procurement 2.0 Portal in two cover system using KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 works as detailed below.

1) Indent Number : **1. DMA/2024-25/OW/Work_Indent20347 Call-2, 2. DMA/2024-25/BD/Work_Indent22282 Call-2, 3. DMA/2023-24/OW/Work_Indent13673(SC) Call-2, 4. DMA/2024-25/IND2207/Call-3,** 2) Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs) : **Minimum : 3.30, Maximum 84.00,** 3) Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs) : **Minimum : 2.74, Maximum : 71.23,** 4) Amount of EMD in Rupees : Minimum 3425/-, Maximum : 168000/-, 5) Class of Contractor : As per kpp portal, 6) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications : **21-10-2024 Timing 5.30 PM,** 7) Last Date of Tender Apply Date : **22-10-2024 Timing 5.30 PM,** 8) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **24-10-2024 Timing 11.00 AM,** 9) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : **30-10-2024 Timing 11.00 AM**

Contractors can download and submit the tenders from dated : through E-Procurement 2.0 portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fees shall also be paid electronically. Calender of Events and other information are as follows.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/512/KSMC&A/2024-25 **Sd/- Municipal Commissioner CMC Shahabad**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is brought to the general public notice that my client Mr. Aravindh C V S and Mrs. Devi Murukesh are intending to purchase Site No 135, Property No. 150300402500600545, V.P. No: 1235/135 Situated at "SOAHAN SERENITY" Appajipura Village & Mallasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District carved out of converted Land bearing Sy. No. 33/1. In case any persons having any claim, title or interest over the same or any objections to the proposed purchase, they may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

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**IN THE COURT OF 28th ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL, BENGALURU ( CCH-29)**

**P & SC No.25064/2024**

**BETWEEN:**

1) Smt. Anitha N W/o Late Nagaraj, Aged about 46 Years
2) Mr. Manjunatha N S/o. Late Nagaraj, Aged about 29 Years
3) Mr. Praveen Kumar N S/o Late Nagaraj K, Aged about 27 Years
4) Mr. Jai Kumar, S/o Late Nagaraju Aged about 26 Years

All are residing at #129, Metro Quarters, 3rd Cross, Srigandhakaval, Srinivasanagar, Bengaluru - 560 091 Petitioners

AND:

NIL RESPONDENT

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas the Petitioners have filed the above petition before this Hon'ble Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act 1925, Praying for issue of Succession Certificate in respect of amount of gratuity and Earned Leave Benefit payable by the B.B.M.P. in respect of deceased Poura Karmika Late Yellamma who died on 26.12.2020.

Any interested parties are hereby noticed to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through a pleader duly instructed on **21.10.2024** at **11:00 AM** to show cause against the petition failing which the matter will be heard and determined exparte.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

Amount of Gratuity and Earned Leave Benefit payable by the B.B.M.P. in respect of deceased Poura Karmika Late Yellamma, working as Poura Karmika in th B.B.M.P., in the office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Solid Waste Maintenance Cell, Govindarajanagar Sub-division, Ward No.104, under Badge No.3642.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court this the 25th Day of Septemeber, 2024.

By order of the Court
**Deputy Registrar,**
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bengaluru

ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONERS
Sowmya S.B., Advocate, No.2399, B.D.A Layout, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, HAL III Stage, Bengaluru-560017 Mob: 7975649861, 9449565763 e-mail:sowmyatanu26@gmail.com

**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD**
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
**No. 903/SEE/(Tr)(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-1/2024-25/CYS-37 Dtd: 09.10.2024**

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through KPP Portal mode only)**

KPTCL invites bids for the following work.

Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/24-25/DCW/Arga. Replacement of 1X10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer (Transformer No.II) by 1X20MVA, 110/33kV Power Transformer at 110kV sub station, Arga in Karwar taluk, Uttar Kannada District for Project Seabird on DCW Basis on Partial Turn Key Basis.

The Detailed Notification regarding the tenders can be got by logging on or after **10.10.2024 to https://www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele)**
Transmission, (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Karavara Road, Vidyuth Nagar, Hubballi.

**CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HOSAPETE**
**No:CMC HPT/WS/15th finance/2024-25 Dated:05-10-2024**
**TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT) E-PROCUREMENT**

2022-23 15th finance (tied) grant tenders are invited for the work mentioned below as per KTPP act 2000 in two cover system are invited from the eligible Contractors/Firms registered in KPWD as mentioned below. in e-procurement the contractors / firms will have to upload all information, documents and rates etc., **www.kppp.karnataka.govt.in** 1) Tender Last Date:21-10-2024 5.00 PM. 2) Opening for Technical Bid will be on Date: 22-10-2024 5.00 PM. 3) Opening for Financial Bid will be on Date: 23-10-2024 5.10 PM **Indent No:** 1)**DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT_ 30630** Estimated Cost Rs in (Lakh) 99.50 (2) **Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT_ 30629** Estimated Cost Rs in (Lakh) 88.60 any other information required can be obtained from the office of the CMC Hosapete during the working hours.

**Sd/- Assistant Executive Sd/-Municipal Commissioner Engineer, CMC Hosapete. CMC Hosapete.**
**DIPR/Vijayanagar/2024-25/KSMCA/RO No/307**

**Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - TEC Division, N.R.Square, Bengaluru - 560002

**No: EE/RI-TEC/TEND/02/2024-25 Dated: 09.10.2024**

**INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (2nd Call)**

**Tender Notification (Two Cover System)**
**(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)**

The Executive Engineer- Traffic engineering Cell Division invites tenders on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, BBMP, Bangalore from eligible Tenderers for the work detailed in the table below.

| S.N. | Name of the work |
|---|---|
| 1 | "Construction of skywalks under PPP Model on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) based on "Dynamic Duration" model under Commercial Advertisement rights at Mysore Road connecting Deepanjalinagara Bus Depo to Ranganatha Colony" **EMD:** Rs.4,00,000/- |

**Calendar of events :** 1) Availability of RFP: 09-10-2024. 2) Last Date for Tender queries: 16-10-2024 up to 3.00 pm. 3) Pre bid Meeting on 16-10-2024 at 3.30 pm at office of Engineering in Chief, No.109, 1st Floor, Annex Building 2, N.R. Square, Bangalore. 4) Last Date for Receipt of Tender is 22-10-2024 up to 4.00 pm. 5) Date of opening of technical Bid is 23-10-2024 by 4.30 pm. 6) Date of opening of financial Bid after approval of Technical bid.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - TEC Division**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general Public that my client **Dr.M.R.ANIL KUMAR** is intended to purchase this property which belongs to **M/s KOMRLA SPACES LLP,** Represented by its partners **SRI.K.G.HARISH** and **SRI.K.H. RAKSHITH.** Any person having any right, claim, title, interest or possession over the property may file their objection/s to the under signed with valid documentary proof within SEVEN days from today and if no valid objection/s are received in respect of property, my client will proceed to purchase the above said property.

**SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Municipal No. 1, **PID No.43-7-1,** old corporation No. 1/320, **site No.187,** formed in the land bearing Sy. No.69/1 of Kempapura Village/old Guddadahalli Village, measuring Eastern side 195 feet 5 inches, on the Western side 195 feet 10 inches, Northern side 75 feet and on the Southern side 45 feet, totally measuring **11504** square feet, now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Situated at 6th Cross, Mysore Road, (old Guddadahalli) Bangalore BBMP Ward No. 136 Jagajeevanram Nagara

**N.Shiva Murthy,** Advocate
Bangalore, Date: 10.10.2024
No. 199, 3-B Complex, Shop No.6, 13th Cross, 2nd Stage WOC Road, Mahalakshmipuram Bangalore 560 086. Ph: 9844358516/9606195903

**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: 908/Bagalkote/SE(E)/AEE(C)/Tr (W&M)/24-25/3296-302
Date:01.10.2024

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

KPTCL invites bids for **Capital of Civil Engineering works coming under the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer (Elecl), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Bagalkote.**The detailed notification regarding the works called through brief tender notification will be displayed on the office Notice Board from the office of the undersigned o**n or after 10.00 a.m. on 10.10.2024.** Other details can be obtained from this office during the office hours.

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer (El.,) KPTCL, Tr.(W&M) Circle, Zonal Office Complex, Opp. Sector 45, Navanagara, Bagalkote**

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**
**Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, BBMP, Bommanahalli Zone, Bengaluru.**

**No: SADH(BOM)/TENDER/03/2024-25 Date: 09-10-2024**

**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)**
**(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)**

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bommanahalli Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP Rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person / Agencies / Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Landscape Development of Parks.

**(Standard Tender Document - KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4)**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work / Category |
|---|---|
| 1 | Beautification, Landscape Development, Water Facility and Other Civil Works in South Assembly Constituency Parks. **(Others) - Estimated Amount (in Rs.): 1,50,00,000/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,25,000/-** |
| 2 | Beautification, Landscape Development, Water Facility and Other Civil Works in Bommanahalli Assembly Constituency Parks. **(Others) - Estimated Amount (in Rs.): 1,50,00,000/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,25,000/-** |

**Calendar of Events: 1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 14-10-2024. 2)** Date of Tender Closing: **22-10-2024 upto 4.30 PM. 3)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **23-10-2024 at 11.30 AM. 4)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **After Approval of Technical Bid.** Further details can be had from the above office.

**Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bommanahalli Zone, BBMP.**

## Against the odds

### The Congress could not counter the caste polarisation in Haryana

By winning a third consecutive term in Haryana, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has demonstrated that its pole position in the Hindi heartland remains intact. Its failure to win an absolute majority in the 2024 general election has not eroded its social base, and in Haryana, it increased its vote share when compared to the previous election. The Congress too saw its vote share and the number of seats increase, but not enough to win power. The simultaneous gains for both parties are indicative of a sharper polarisation, but that does not entirely end the importance of smaller outfits and influential independents as it turns out – they tilted the scale in several constituencies. The outcome mirrors a social reality of Haryana that the BJP cleverly engineered to its benefit and which the Congress overlooked, namely, a broad alignment of non-Jat communities against Jat dominance. Incumbent Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, who is set for a second term, became the face of the BJP's mobilisation of Other Backward Classes. The BJP's strategy of offering political space for marginalised Hindu communities is one that is working well for it. Jats possibly united against the BJP, as the eclipse of the INLD and JJP suggest, but that worked in the BJP's favour by aiding the countermobilisation of disparate groups. The Haryana poll outcome also helps Prime Minister Narendra Modi reinforce his authority over the party.

The Congress failed to inspire confidence among a wider spectrum of society as former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and his son Deepinder dominated the campaign. Their own Jat community rallied behind the party which possibly caused a counter consolidation of the rest. The Hoodas have so controlled the Congress in Haryana that the party organisation is either non-existent or ineffective. They stalled the central leadership's efforts to form political alliances. The Congress's Haryana setback follows the pattern of the Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh elections that it lost in 2023 – regional leaders who refused to accommodate party colleagues and broaden the social base which failed the party. The party is struggling to find a balance between having a robust regional leadership and ensuring that its national outlook is not undermined. Senior leader Rahul Gandhi could not enforce his social justice agenda in the party's Haryana strategy. Dalit party leaders were humiliated, opening space for others. The BJP has been in power for 10 years and there was notable resentment against it among voters. But that did not translate into a change of guard as the BJP could beat anti-incumbency while the Congress failed to gain from it. A study of the Haryana outcome will be instructive of why the BJP wins so often and the Congress ends up second best.

## Sweet and sour

### The inquiry into laddu adulteration must not be communalised

Last week, the Supreme Court of India rightly asked the petitioners in the case of the alleged adulteration of ghee used in the famed Tirupati laddu *prasadam* not to make the Court a "political battleground", but the issue is unlikely to remain one about ensuring quality control of a food item associated with pomp and sanctity. By appointing an "independent Special Investigation Team (SIT)" under the direct supervision of the Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Court deftly made the Centre accountable in ensuring an impartial inquiry. But given the composition of the five-member SIT – two CBI officials, two Andhra Pradesh police officers and a domain expert from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) – questions are likely to be raised about its neutrality. The CBI and A.P. police come under the jurisdictions of political alliance partners, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) led by A.P. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The Centre's conduct in court is likely to invite further allegations of bias, where it expressed 'full confidence' in the SIT formed by Mr. Naidu before the Court decided to hand the case over to the CBI-led SIT. Mr. Modi's government has not expressed such confidence in inquiry panels set up by Opposition-ruled States such as the one in West Bengal to inquire into corruption allegations against the Saradha Group's ponzi scheme in 2013.

The laddu issue has already taken on communal overtones with A.P. BJP chief and Rajahmundry MP Daggubati Purandeswari seeking a 'declaration of faith in Lord Venkateswara' from former A.P. Chief Minister and YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, a Christian. Mr. Reddy had to cancel his visit to Tirupati in September after protests by cadres of the ruling TDP and its allies, the BJP and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's JSP. They have blamed the erstwhile Jagan Mohan Reddy administration of complicity in the alleged adulteration. The Naidu government buttressed Ms. Purandeswari's demand by releasing "declaration of faith" documents signed purportedly by Bollywood actors and even former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah. As *The Hindu* reported, the gas chromatography method, used to detect dairy contaminants, is unlikely to determine the exact quantum of "foreign fat" in the ghee samples. The central government must ensure that there is an impartial inquiry into the allegation that there was an attempt to contaminate the ghee supplied by a dairy in Tamil Nadu, samples of which were tested on July 6 and July 12. It must ensure that this is done without communalising the issue.

The theme of World Mental Health Day (October 10) this year is about 'prioritising mental health in the workplace'. The critical link between mental health and work is examined in three articles on the Editorial and Opinion pages — two in the print edition and one in the online edition

# *Mental health in India's material world*

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In July this year, the case of a 26-year-old woman executive working for a multinational consulting firm, ending her life due to immense work pressures moved the spotlight to an important issue that concerns millions of working Indians. In September, a 38-year-old software engineer with 15 years of experience in a Chennai-based firm, ended his life. He was on medication for depression caused by work stress. Despite their "successful" careers, the loss of these lives underscores a growing mental health crisis in India, where success is often equated with relentless productivity and material wealth. These events reveal the struggles many face such as battling depression, anxiety, and a lack of purpose even as they put up a facade of success and contentment.

India is currently witnessing a surge in mental health disorders. According to *The Lancet* Psychiatry Commission, over 197 million people suffer from conditions such as depression, anxiety and substance abuse. Economic growth has created new opportunities, but it has also intensified societal pressures and personal expectations. As India's developmental aspirations rise, mental well-being is often overlooked, fuelling a crisis driven by materialism and a growing disconnect from community and self-awareness.

At the core of this crisis are existential questions that have guided human thought since the times of Socrates and Aristotle such as: Who am I? What is the purpose of my life? How should I live? Socrates said, "The unexamined life is not worth living", highlighting the need for self-reflection. Aristotle linked the good life to eudaimonia – flourishing through virtuous living. Today, these essential inquiries are overshadowed by the pursuit of efficiency, productivity and material wealth. As India embraces consumerism, this focus on affluence distances individuals from deeper self-reflection, exacerbating the mental health crisis.

**Rising stress and anxiety**

India is grappling with a mental health epidemic, with millions suffering from disorders such as depression and anxiety. The relentless pressures of urban living, financial instability, and fierce competition are significant contributors. Even those who achieve material success often find that wealth and status do not deliver true well-being. Instead, many feel isolated and disconnected from their communities, experiencing a profound sense of purposelessness. While material wealth provides temporary comfort, it fails to meet deeper emotional and psychological needs. The growing focus on consumerism, particularly in urban areas, has fostered a culture where luxury and conspicuous goods define status. This leads to feelings of inadequacy, stress and social comparison. As Ernest Becker noted, much of human behaviour is driven by the fear of impermanence and insignificance. People chase material wealth for social validation, hoping it will bring lasting happiness, but this pursuit neglects self-awareness. The endless quest for affluence disconnects individuals from the essential elements of a meaningful life – self-awareness, purpose, and meaningful relationships – trapping them in a cycle of dissatisfaction.

To break this cycle, we must rethink what constitutes a good life. Current political and economic priorities reinforce the belief that wealth and consumption equate to happiness. This mindset shapes societal norms, encouraging consumption-driven choices that further entrench the mental health crisis.

**Collective action, community as solutions**

To address this crisis, we must shift focus from individual success to collective well-being. Studies show that strong social connections, supportive communities, and meaningful work are critical to mental health. However, work-life balance and legal protection are increasingly under threat. The socio-political climate in India, where young individuals desperately strive for a consumeristic "good life", has led to proposals such as extended work hours. For instance, the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Bill 2024 permits employees to work more than 12 hours a day, up to 125 hours in three months. Amid rapid urbanisation and personal achievement, it is essential to remind ourselves of the deeper meaning and purpose in life that can be found through community, joy, and friendship.

Examples from other countries offer lessons. In Brazil, community gardens have helped residents reconnect by sharing responsibilities and fostering a sense of belonging. Similar initiatives in India could counteract the isolation fostered by urban living and consumerism, bringing people together to create stronger social bonds.

Improving mental health requires embracing community-oriented living that challenges the individualised lifestyle promoted by consumer culture. Modern consumerism equates freedom with personal consumption, weakening social bonds that traditionally held communities together. In contrast, community living fosters a sustainable alternative – shared responsibility, collective purpose, and mutual support create an environment that nurtures emotional and psychological well-being. In community settings, people share resources and experiences, reducing the pressure to compete for individual success. This strengthens social support networks and reintroduces the value of interdependence, where well-being is measured by relationships and contributions to the group rather than personal wealth. Unlike the isolation and comparison promoted by consumer culture, community living fosters empathy, mindfulness, and human connection, providing fulfilment through shared experiences. These environments offer a sense of belonging, purpose, and security, all of which are crucial for reducing stress and mental health issues.

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**Consumer choice and liberty**

A significant contributor to India's mental health crisis is the reduction of freedom to consumer choice. As India's middle class expands, many equate their ability to buy goods with personal freedom and success. However, this perspective prioritises material wealth over deeper values such as equality and fraternity. The result is a society where happiness is measured by buying power, leading to an endless cycle of consumption that does little to improve long-term mental health.

By reducing freedom to consumer choice, individuals feel growing inadequacy, unable to meet rising standards of success. In contrast, prioritising connection, community, and equity provides a healthier foundation for both personal well-being and societal progress.

Addressing India's mental health crisis requires rethinking what it means to live a good life. We must challenge the materialistic notion of success and refocus on mental, emotional, and social well-being. The solution lies in adopting alternative pathways that prioritise community and collective action over individual wealth accumulation.

Programmes that promote mindfulness, social-emotional learning, community living, and mental health awareness are essential for creating a culture that values mental well-being. Additionally, social policies that reduce inequality and provide mental health support are crucial to address the crisis.

A truly good life is not about how much we can buy or achieve, but about how we relate to ourselves, our communities, and our environment. By prioritising community, equity, and mental well-being, we can build a healthier, more connected society where people feel supported and valued. Only by addressing the root causes of the mental health crisis can we pave the way for a more meaningful and fulfilling future for all.

India is facing a mental health epidemic, with urban living, financial instability and fierce competition as significant contributors

# *Transform workplaces into supportive spaces*

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In recent years, a troubling trend has emerged in several countries: a rise in suicides among young professionals, frequently attributed to overwhelming stress and tension at the workplace. This crisis underscores the increasing strain caused by excessive work, reminiscent of the Japanese term '*karoshi*', which translates to 'death from overwork'. In 2023, 2,900 people in Japan ended their lives due to overwork. What was once a term specific to Japan has now found resonance in other parts of the world, especially as the relentless drive for profit and productivity continues to overshadow mental health, personal well-being, and even human lives. A Statista report on suicide among Indian professionals in the private sector for the year 2022 puts the number as 11,486.

**A competitive economy**

The reason behind this brutal work culture is clear: profit. In today's competitive economy, businesses focus on cost-cutting, efficiency and productivity. As a result, employees come under immense pressure to meet unrealistic expectations, often working long hours and under strenuous conditions. Many organisations have adopted a belief system where success is tied to a "hustle and bustle" culture, assuming that perpetual activity will lead to better results.

This mindset is not new. Some scholars believe that the roots of this work obsession can be traced back to Max Weber's influential work, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, which links hard work with moral virtue. According to Weber, success and diligence were not just signs of professional capability, but of moral worth. Today, unfortunately, this ethos thrives in high-stakes industries such as technology, finance and law, where not just hard work but also overwork is celebrated and even glorified. The consequences are devastating.

Cognitive dissonance theory, a psychological concept, helps explain how employers justify this gruelling work environment. Once overwork becomes normalised, employers may rationalise it as beneficial or even essential for organisational growth. From a business standpoint, the belief often emerges that pushing employees to their limits will filter out the "weak" and reward the "strong", fostering a culture of hyper-competition. However, this distorted view ignores the steep human cost. Chronic stress leads to burnout, anxiety, depression, and, tragically, suicide in some cases.

**Importance of employee well-being**

This myopic understanding of work and success prevents companies from considering alternative models that prioritise employee well-being, although research has consistently shown that happier employees are more productive. The Human Relations Movement, which began in the early 20th century, underscored the importance of employee satisfaction in improving organisational efficiency. This perspective has slowly regained traction today, as more companies are embracing flexible work hours, mental health initiatives and policies to promote work-life balance. The challenge now is to move beyond profit maximisation to a long-term view that treats human capital as a core asset.

So, how do we get there? While dismissing this as wishful thinking is tempting, meaningful change is possible. The first step for companies is to reassess their work culture and expectations. Employers should reduce excessive working hours, offer flexible schedules, and embrace remote work when possible. Studies have shown that employees with more control over their schedules report higher job satisfaction and reduced stress levels. Encouraging regular breaks and vacations is also vital in preventing burnout. Equally important is providing psychological support. Companies should invest in employee assistance programmes and ensure that mental health professionals are accessible. Psychological research has proven that early intervention can dramatically reduce the long-term effects of workplace stress. It is also crucial to foster open conversations around mental health, eliminating the stigma that often surrounds seeking help.

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**Focus on work quality**

Supervisors and managers are pivotal to driving this transformation. They must be trained to recognise signs of burnout, such as emotional exhaustion or disengagement, and intervene before problems escalate. A culture where mental health check-ins are routine and stress management is prioritised can create a healthier and more sustainable workforce. Additionally, companies should shift their focus away from measuring productivity solely based on the quantity of time spent or deadlines met. Instead, performance metrics should emphasise the quality of work. This approach would help create an environment where output is valued for its depth and impact rather than sheer volume. Lastly, the deeply ingrained myth that constant busyness equates to productivity must be debunked. A balanced and sustainable work culture benefits employees and their organisations. Employers should set realistic expectations, and employees must feel empowered to set boundaries around their work hours. This includes saying "no" when workloads become unmanageable, a daunting but necessary step in maintaining mental health.

The issue of workplace stress is both societal and personal. Addressing it requires collective effort. While employees can build resilience through mindfulness, regular exercise and strong social support networks, seeking professional help should never be delayed when stress becomes overwhelming. Employers and employees must take concrete steps to break the cycle of overwork and promote a culture that values holistic well-being. Only by doing so can we achieve sustainable productivity and a future where life is valued above profit.

The belief system where success is tied to a brutal work culture needs to be phased out

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Elections, verdicts**

It has been a case of 'one all' in this round of Assembly elections (Page 1, "BJP keeps Haryana, NC-led alliance bags J&K", October 9). The results augur well for a very vibrant and effective democracy. No party can claim absolute superiority and that is what makes and strengthens the nation. There need to be checks in places; there needs to be accountability; there needs to be questioning.

With the results having been declared, the parties should get back to work to ensure that development and progress march hand in hand.

**Balasubramaniam Pavani,**
Secunderabad

That the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is a formidable election machine is an established fact. The Congress should have got its act together to score over its main adversary. Haryana had real issues — farmers' distress, the Agni Veer scheme and, of course, massive unemployment and price rise. The BJP, however, has shown that all such issues can be suppressed as long as one can micromanage voters. The Congress has still to highlight the real issues in a convincing manner and which will resonate. The Congress's Rahul Gandhi goes on talking about co-operative federalism but not much of a co-operative spirit is being witnessed within the INDIA bloc.

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# How the BJP snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in the Haryana elections

The BJP enjoyed limited anti-incumbency and had an advantage among women and non-Jat voters. The Congress lost mainly because of overconfidence and infighting

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**Second innings:** Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini greets supporters in Kurukshetra, Haryana. PTI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) clinched a third term in Haryana in the 2024 Assembly elections, giving a jolt to its key challenger, the Congress. By winning 48 constituencies and pushing all the smaller players out of the main contest, the BJP got a clear majority in the 90-member Assembly. In contrast, despite increasing its vote share from 2019, the Congress was able to win only 37 seats.

After being in power for 10 years in the State, the BJP faced a spirited opposition. The BJP led a silent but focused campaign on the ground, while the Congress was overconfident, which led to its undoing. Other regional players were pushed to the political periphery and limited to minor pockets.

The Lokniti-Centre for the Study of Developing Socities (CSDS) survey, conducted around the time of the elections, provides important insights that help explain the verdict. Six factors seem to have played key roles in shaping the verdict.

### The BJP's advantages

First, overall satisfaction with the incumbent government helped the BJP retain power. Close to six of every 10 respondents in the Lokniti-CSDS survey said they were satisfied with the performance of the BJP State government. Only four of every 10 were dissatisfied. The net satisfaction with the government was 20 percentage points. Three-fourths of those who were fully satisfied with the incumbent government voted for the BJP. On the other hand, three-fourths of those who were fully dissatisfied with the BJP government in the State said they preferred the Congress. Those who were not so unequivocal in their support or unhappiness with the government were equally divided in their support for the two parties.

THE HINDU CSDS-LOKNITI Survey 2024

**When asked which party was better for farmers' welfare and development, the respondents gave a higher score to the BJP than Congress**

Second, respondents underscored the importance of the party while deciding who to vote for. More than six of every 10 respondents said that the party was a key factor in determining their vote. The leadership factor played an important peripheral role. The most preferred chief ministerial candidates were the leading faces of the two parties. Incumbent Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini from the BJP was marginally ahead of former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda from the Congress as the preferred choice of Chief Minster. The Narendra Modi factor had some salience in propelling support for the BJP. A similar trend was not seen in the case of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

Third, the BJP had two Chief Ministers during its 10 years in power. The incumbent Chief Minister had been in power for just over six months. Yet, when asked to rate the Saini government against the previous Manohar Lal Khattar government, there was higher appreciation (by 10 points) for the work done by Mr. Saini than for Mr. Khattar.

When asked which party was better for farmers' welfare and development, the respondents gave a higher score to the BJP than the Congress. However, when the responses were filtered to focus on farmers, they believed that the Congress was better at safeguarding their interests. The beneficiaries of welfare schemes for farmers largely voted for the BJP; the Congress was only able to garner significant support among those who were non-beneficiaries.

On the running battle that wrestlers from the State had with the then president of the All India Wrestling Federation, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, a majority of the respondents felt that the BJP government at the Centre had taken appropriate action to deal with the issue. The 'pehelwan' (fighters) issue figured in the run-up to, and during, the campaign. Yet, it did not seem to have any substantial impact on the ground.

The fourth factor was the women's vote. The BJP did better than the Congress in securing the support of women. Importantly, half of those who felt that the safety of women had improved in Haryana in the last five years voted for the BJP. Among those who felt that the situation on women's' safety has worsened, close to half voted for the Congress.

Fifth, there has always been a Jat-non Jat divide in Haryana politics. The Congress tried to consolidate the Jat vote in its favour. While it did secure a majority of the Jat vote, there were two corollary developments. The Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) was able to garner a chunk of the Jat vote too, thus splitting the vote that the Congress was hoping to fully consolidate. More importantly, the attempt at Jat consolidation led to a stronger non-Jat consolidation behind the BJP. The BJP strengthened its base among the Brahmins, Punjabi Khatris, Yadavs, and non-Jatav Scheduled Castes. This new rainbow coalition was able to work to the party's advantage.

### Congress's woes

Finally, infighting within the Congress's State unit appeared to have cost it dearly. The leadership tussle between Mr. Hooda and Kumari Selja appeared to have impacted the party's performance. Close to six of every 10 respondents asserted that this tussle and its wider ramifications dented the prospects of the party. Only one-fourth of the respondents felt that this factor was not of much consequence in influencing voter choice. Thus, the overconfidence in the Congress, seen throughout the campaign, and the infighting within the party helped the BJP retain the State.

Overall, a better vote-seat conversion appeared to have allowed the BJP to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. This was possible because the much-anticipated anti-incumbency was rather limited and also because the BJP was able to outsmart the Congress through its ability to craft a coalition of voters with an advantage among women and the non-Jat sections.

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## Methodology

The Lokniti-CSDS pre-poll survey was conducted between September 24 and October 2. A total of 2,429 respondents were interviewed across 22 Assembly constituencies and 110 polling stations.

The sampling design was multi-stage random sampling, which ensures that the selected sample is fully representative of the cross-section of voters in the country. The Assembly constituencies where the survey was conducted were randomly selected using the probability proportional to size method. Five polling stations were then selected from each of the sampled Assembly constituencies using the systematic random sampling method. Forty respondents were randomly selected using the systematic method from the electoral rolls of the sampled polling stations. Of the 40, we set a target of 25 interviews per polling station and sent trained field investigators to conduct face-to-face interviews using a pre-designed App.

The questionnaire was translated into Hindi. Though the sample is relatively small, it is truly representative of the voters of Haryana with regard to social composition. To make correction for underrepresentation of any social groups, weights have been applied **(Table 1)**. The study was directed by Sanjay Kumar, Suhas Palshikar, Sandeep Shastri.

Table 1: Social profile of achieved sample

| | Census 2011 | Survey estimates |
|---|---|---|
| Female | 46.8 | 40 |
| Urban | 34.9 | 31 |
| Dalit | 20.2 | 23 |
| Hindu | 87.5 | 90 |
| Muslim | 7.0 | 5 |
| Christian | 4.9 | 4 |

# A good report card for the BJP

**Sanjeer Alam**

**Hit the books:** Students at a government school in Nuh district. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Since 2014, Haryana has been ruled by the BJP. As the BJP is also in power at the Centre, the Haryana government has been able to function without any interference from the Union government. It has had an assured flow of fund for running welfare schemes and developmental projects for improving educational and health infrastructure and for creating new job opportunities, especially for the educated youth.

### Assessing development

When asked which government – the previous Congress government or the incumbent BJP government – had ensured more development, voters were more inclined to give credit to the BJP regime. This implies that the incumbent BJP government enjoyed an edge over the previous Congress government in this regard **(Table 1).** This is also reflected in the fact that nearly half the voters expressed their satisfaction with the incumbent BJP government in Haryana. Of them, one in every three voters was highly satisfied with the performance of the State government **(Table 2).**

Where did the incumbent government perform relatively well and where did it fall short? For a majority of the respondents (60%), the supply of electricity improved over the past five years. Over half the voters also reported that road conditions had improved under the incumbent government **(Table 3)**.

However, only four out of 10 respondents said the quality of healthcare in government-run hospitals had improved. A similar proportion of respondents felt that the quality of education in government schools had improved. In other words, for a majority of the respondents, the situation in these two critical sub sectors of social infrastructure either remained the same or worsened. Only one in three respondents (31%) believed that irrigation facilities had improved over the past five years. Worse, nearly two in five respondents (39%) held the view that recruitment for government jobs had not been taking place regularly.

It appears that in overall terms, voters were satisfied with the performance of the incumbent government and rated it better than the previous Congress government.

However, while voters acknowledged improvements under the BJP government on various infrastructural parameters, there is still room for improvement in the areas of health, education, agriculture and employment, which the BJP government needs to address in its new term in office.

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Table 1: A close call between the Congress and BJP

| Which government brought more development and prosperity in Haryana? | (%) |
|---|---|
| Congress government (2004-2014) | 43 |
| BJP government (2014-2024) | 48 |

*Note: The rest did not respond.*

Table 2: Voter's satisfaction with the incumbent government

| Level of satisfaction with the performance of the BJP government in Haryana | (%) |
|---|---|
| Fully satisfied | 34 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 24 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 13 |
| Fully dissatisfied | 25 |

*Note: The rest did not respond.*

Table 3: Infrastructure status in the last five years

| Public infrastructure | Improved | Remained the same | Worsened |
|---|---|---|---|
| Supply of electricity | 60 | 14 | 21 |
| Condition of roads | 54 | 15 | 24 |
| Supply of drinking water | 48 | 19 | 27 |
| Quality of healthcare in government hospitals | 40 | 21 | 30 |
| Quality of education in government schools | 37 | 23 | 32 |
| Safety of women | 36 | 28 | 25 |
| Irrigational facilities for agriculture | 31 | 24 | 32 |
| Regular recruitment for government jobs | 28 | 23 | 39 |

*Note: The rest did not respond. All figures in %.*

**Nearly half the voters expressed their satisfaction with the incumbent BJP government in Haryana**

# Party, the most critical factor in voting

**Sandeep Shastri**

**Gratitude:** Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar meets Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini in New Delhi. ANI

About six of every 10 respondents in the Lokniti-CSDS survey indicated that the party was the most critical factor in deciding who to vote for. Another one-thirds (35%) believed that the MLA candidate from their constituency swayed their decision. A minuscule share mentioned the chief ministerial candidate in determining their voting preferences **(Table 1)**. This could be well linked to the fact that there were multiple competitors in the chief ministerial race both within the BJP and Congress.

When it came to the respondents' preferred Chief Minister candidate, there was a close race between two key leaders of the Congress and BJP. Incumbent BJP Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini was mentioned by one-third (33%) of the respondents, while two-time Congress Chief Minister Bhupinder Hooda was close behind. **(Table 2)**. The support for the top two names was clearly on party lines. About seven of every 10 BJP voters favoured Mr. Saini, while a similar share of Congress voters endorsed Mr. Hooda as their preferred choice. One-seventh (14%) of Congress voters referred to Kumari Shelja as their preferred option while one in every 10 BJP voters took the name of former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar **(Table 3).**

The respondents felt that the leadership tussle between Mr. Hooda and Kumari Selja adversely impacted the Congress. Nearly six of every 10 respondents (59%) said that this tussle did have an adverse impact. The remaining one-fourth said it had no impact or very little impact **(Table 4).**

The survey also tapped the impact of the Central leaders of the two major parties. More than two-thirds of the BJP voters said that even without Narendra Modi's leadership, they would have voted for the BJP. However, two of every 10 did assert that they may have changed their voting preference if Mr. Modi did not lead the BJP **(Table 5)**. Among Congress voters, close to three-fourth of the respondents said that even if Rahul Gandhi did not lead the Congress, they would continue to vote for the party **(Table 6).** A little over one in every 10 said that they would change the way they voted if Mr. Gandhi was not leading the Congress.

Clearly, Mr. Modi had a greater sway over BJP voters compared to the influence that Mr. Gandhi had over Congress voters.

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Table 1: Voting priorities

| Most important consideration while voting | (%) |
|---|---|
| Party | 61 |
| MLA candidate | 35 |
| CM candidate | 1 |

*Note: The rest did not respond.*

Table 2: CM approval ratings

| Chief Minister face | (%) |
|---|---|
| Nayab Singh Saini | 33 |
| Bhupinder Singh Hooda | 32 |
| Selja Kumari | 7 |
| Manohar Lal Khattar | 5 |
| Dushyant Chautala | 2 |
| Others | 8 |

*Note: The rest did not respond.*

Table 3: CM choices

| | CM choice | |
|---|---|---|
| Among Cong. voters | Bhupinder Singh Hooda (69%) | Selja Kumari (14%) |
| Among BJP voters | Nayab Singh Saini (72%) | Manohar Lal Khattar (10%) |

Table 4: Problem of infighting

| Will infighting between Selja Kumari and Bhupinder Singh Hooda hurt the Congress? | (%) |
|---|---|
| To a great extent | 29 |
| Somewhat | 30 |
| Not much | 10 |
| Not at all | 13 |

*Note: The rest did not respond.*

Table 5: The Modi factor

| | If Modi was not the leader of the BJP, I would have… | |
|---|---|---|
| | Voted for the same party | Voted for a different party |
| Overall | 56 | 25 |
| Among BJP voters | 66 | 23 |

*Note: The rest did not respond. All figures in percent.*

Table 6: The Rahul factor

| | If Rahul Gandhi was not the leader of the Congress, I would have… | |
|---|---|---|
| | Voted for the same party | Voted for a different party |
| Overall | 58 | 15 |
| Among Congress voters | 71 | 13 |

*Note: The rest did not respond. All figures in percent.*

# From protests to polls: farmers back the Congress in Haryana

The BJP's failure to adequately address the demands of farmers over the past five years has resulted in a loss of trust within the farming community in the State, with 44% of farmers voting for the Congress compared with 35% for the BJP

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Kirti Sharma

Given that a substantial proportion of rural households depend on agriculture in Haryana, agrarian issues were expected to pose a significant roadblock to the Bharatiya Janata Party's hat-trick in the State. Using data from the CSDS-Lokniti survey, this piece explores farmers' opinions on the BJP government's ability to meet their needs.

While there are several welfare schemes from both Union and State governments, most farmers reported not benefiting from them, except for the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, which provides up to ₹6,000 per year as minimum income support. Six in 10 farmers had benefited from this scheme. In fact, State government schemes performed poorly in reaching farmers (Table 1).

The beneficiaries of these schemes were more likely to vote for the BJP than non-beneficiaries. However, interestingly, among those benefiting from the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (which had the maximum beneficiaries), a greater proportion voted for the Congress compared with the BJP (44% versus 33%). Despite introducing several welfare schemes for this important segment, the government failed to implement them effectively.

The survey suggests that farmers perceived the Congress as the party that has worked the most for their welfare (Table 2). Asked which party had made the greatest effort for farmers, four in 10 (42%) farmers indicated the Congress, compared with 37% who favoured the BJP. The data suggest a clear preference among farmers for the Congress in terms of perceived advocacy and support for their interests, but a significant chunk also had trust in the BJP.

The data reveal a polarised sentiment among the electorate regarding the BJP's effectiveness in addressing farmers' issues. About one in three farmers (30%) believed that the BJP had been ineffective in tackling their concerns. In contrast, about a quarter (25%) felt that their needs had been adequately met, suggesting that the BJP was successful in addressing the farmers' issues to an extent (Table 3).

### Vote choice

When voters were asked an open-ended question about the most significant voting issue, only 5% identified farmer issues. However, this figure nearly doubled to 11% among farmers.

The data reveal a clear preference among farmers for the Congress, with 44% of farmers voting for the party compared with 35% for the BJP. In contrast, the voting patterns among non-farmers were more evenly distributed, with 41% supporting the BJP and 38% the Congress. This disparity highlights the stronger allegiance of the farming community to the Congress, indicating that agricultural issues significantly influenced their political preferences.

Given the significance of the *Kisan* issue, the prolonged farmer protests served as a powerful expression of dissent against the BJP.

The party's failure to adequately address farmers' demands over the past five years has resulted in a loss of trust within the farming community, leading many to support the Congress instead.

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**Table 1:** Beneficiaries of welfare schemes, vote choice

On the job: Farmers harvesting pearl millets (Bajra) at a farm in Mahendragarh district of Haryana. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

| | Benefited/not benefited | Farmers voted for... | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | INC | BJP | Others |
| **Union government schemes** | | | | |
| Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana | Beneficiaries (64) | 44 | 33 | 23 |
| | Non-beneficiaries (29) | 53 | 33 | 14 |
| Kisan Fasal Bima Yojana | Beneficiaries (34) | 35 | 42 | 23 |
| | Non-beneficiaries (53) | 54 | 27 | 19 |
| **State government schemes** | | | | |
| Mukhyamantri Bagwani Bima Yojana | Beneficiaries (12) | 30 | 52 | 18 |
| | Non-beneficiaries (56) | 48 | 33 | 19 |
| Mera Pani Meri Virasat | Beneficiaries (23) | 27 | 56 | 17 |
| | Non-beneficiaries (46) | 52 | 27 | 21 |
| Krishak Uphar Yojana | Beneficiaries (14) | 27 | 56 | 17 |
| | Non-beneficiaries (48) | 47 | 32 | 21 |

***Note:*** *All figures in %. Figures in parenthesis are the overall figure of beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries. The rest of the farming households were either not eligible, did not hear about these schemes or did not respond.*

**Table 2:** Congress has worked the most for farmers

| Party that has worked most for the welfare of the farmers | Farmers | Overall |
|---|---|---|
| Indian National Congress | 42 | 38 |
| Bharatiya Janata Party | 37 | 44 |
| Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) | 10 | 7 |
| Others | 4 | 3 |
| No party has done so | 2 | 2 |

***Note:*** *The rest did not respond. All figures are in %.*

**Table 3:** BJP's ineffectiveness in taking care of farmers' issues

| While taking care of farmers' issues, the BJP government was... | Farmers (%) |
|---|---|
| Ineffective | 30 |
| Ambivalent | 35 |
| Effective | 25 |

***Note:*** *The rest did not respond.*

**Table 4:** Farmers lean towards the Congress

| | Voted for... | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | INC | BJP | Others |
| Farmers | 44 | 35 | 21 |
| Non-farmers | 38 | 41 | 21 |

***Note:*** *The rest did not respond. All figures are in %.*

# BJP bags urban support, Congress holds a slight edge among rural voters

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Kirti Sharma

The Haryana Assembly election highlighted a significant rural-urban divide in voting patterns, underscoring the deep-rooted socio-economic differences across the State. Haryana, known for its predominantly rural population, exhibited distinct voting preferences between rural and urban voters, shaping the electoral outcome in important ways.

The CSDS-Lokniti survey reveals a clear divergence in voting behaviour. The BJP garnered substantial support among urban voters, securing 46% of the urban vote, while the Congress managed only 34% – a critical 12 point lead. However, in rural areas, the Congress outperformed the BJP, winning 42% of the rural vote, compared with the BJP's 37%, giving the Congress a five-point lead. Smaller parties, including the Bahujan Samaj Party and the Indian National Lok Dal, received limited support, capturing 7% of the rural vote and 3% of the urban vote, respectively.

### Diverging issues

Unemployment emerged as an important issue overall, but it was a much larger concern for rural voters (50%) compared with urban voters (30%). Price rise, agricultural concerns, and the Agnipath recruitment scheme were also significant issues for rural voters, while urban voters expressed more concern about corruption, price rise, and women's safety. These differences in priorities highlight the divergent challenges faced by rural and urban communities in Haryana (Table 2).

This divide also extends to perceptions of which government has contributed more to the development of Haryana. A greater percentage of urban voters credited the BJP government (51%) for the State's development between 2014 and 2024, while rural voters were slightly less convinced, with 47% attributing the development to the BJP. On the other hand, 45% of rural voters credited the Congress government (2004-2014) for development, compared with 39% of urban voters. This division underscores different expectations of rural and urban communities regarding governance and development.

This election has brought the rural-urban divide into sharp focus. With rural voters tilting slightly in favour of the Congress and urban voters leaning strongly towards the BJP, the election results reflect the socio-economic differences that continue to shape Haryana's political landscape.

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**Table 1:** Urban dwellers voted for the BJP, while the rural residents voted for the Congress

| | Party voted for... | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Congress | BJP | BSP+INLD | Others |
| Rural | 42 | 37 | 7 | 14 |
| Urban | 34 | 46 | 3 | 17 |

***Note:*** *The rest did not respond. All figures in %.*

**Table 3:** BJP government was credited for development by more urban voters than rural

| | Government credited for the development of the State | |
|---|---|---|
| | Congress government 2004-2014 | BJP government 2014-2024 |
| Overall | 43 | 48 |
| Rural | 45 | 47 |
| Urban | 39 | 51 |

**Table 2:** Rural-urban divide in voting issues

| Issue mattered while voting | Unemployment | Price rise | Agricultural or farmers' issue | Agnipath | Corruption/ scam | Lack of development | Women safety |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall | 43 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Rural | 50 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Urban | 30 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 6 |

***Note:*** *The rest either gave other responses or did not respond. All figures in %.*

## Number theory

How social justice and welfare politics shaped the discourse of electoral politics in Haryana

Voters preferred welfare politics over caste loyalties

| Would give my vote to... | Caste representative for representing our community | Candidate who focuses more on welfare schemes and development work |
|---|---|---|
| Overall | 27 | 68 |
| Rural | 23 | 72 |
| Urban | 33 | 60 |

***Note:*** *Rest gave no response. All figures in %.*

Beneficiaries of welfare schemes and vote choice

| | | INC | BJP |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Union government schemes** | | | |
| Ayushman Bharat Yojana | Beneficiaries (48%) | 39 | 41 |
| | Non-beneficiaries (31%) | 43 | 34 |
| Prime Minister Awas Yojana | Beneficiaries (19%) | 29 | 47 |
| | Non-beneficiaries (40%) | 45 | 34 |
| Ujjwala Yojana | Beneficiaries (36%) | 38 | 40 |
| | Non-beneficiaries (32%) | 43 | 35 |
| **State government schemes** | | | |
| Haryana Mukhyamantri Shehri Awas Yojana | Beneficiaries (20%) | 28 | 54 |
| | Non-beneficiaries (38%) | 42 | 35 |
| Saksham Yuva Yojana | Beneficiaries (16%) | 29 | 50 |
| | Non-beneficiaries (35%) | 44 | 34 |

***Note:*** *The rest did not respond. Figures in parenthesis are the overall figure of beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries All figures in %.*

Three-fifths of voters reported that PPP has made access to government services easier

| Has the Parivar Pehchan Patra made access to government services easier? | Party voted for in Assembly election | |
|---|---|---|
| | Congress | BJP |
| Very much (25%) | 27 | 53 |
| Somewhat (38%) | 36 | 42 |
| Not much (20%) | 48 | 31 |
| Not at all (15%) | 63 | 22 |

Public opinion on SC/ST reservation: a clear divide

| Views about SC/ST subdivision in quota | Reservation will help those who need it | The decision is unjustified |
|---|---|---|
| Overall | 76 | 20 |
| SC | 79 | 19 |
| OBC | 80 | 18 |
| General | 72 | 21 |

***Note:*** *The rest did not respond. All figures in %. Views are among those who were aware of the SC/ST reservation.*

Should Haryana conduct a caste census? Majority says yes

| Caste census be conducted in Haryana or is it not needed | (%) |
|---|---|
| Yes, it should happen | 56 |
| No, no need for it | 33 |

***Note:*** *The rest did not respond.*

Debate on Jat reservation: Voters' view

| In government jobs and educational institutions, Jats should be given reservation from the OBC quota | Jats should be given reservation | Jats should not be given reservation |
|---|---|---|
| Overall | 45 | 39 |
| Jats | 76 | 19 |
| OBCs | 39 | 46 |
| General | 72 | 21 |

***Note:*** *The rest did not respond. All figures in %.*

# Jats versus others: the caste factor at play

Sanjay Kumar

For months, discussions surrounding the Haryana Assembly election revolved around the mobilisation of Jats by the Congress and non-Jats by the BJP.

The findings from the CSDS-Lokniti survey indicate that the two main rival parties mobilised what they believed to be their core supporters. Among the numerically significant and socially dominant Jats, a little over a half (53%) voted for the Congress, while one in three (28%) supported the BJP – marking it a limited consolidation for the Congress. The BJP primarily targeted non-Jat and OBC voters and appeared to be successful in this strategy. Additionally, the BJP led over the Congress among Brahmins, Punjabi Khatris, Yadavs, and non-Jatav Dalits, contributing to the party's third successive victory in the Haryana Assembly election (Table 1).

The Congress successfully mobilised a number of Jatav votes, a community to which Congress leader Kumari Selja belongs, along with support from the Gujjar community, Muslims, and Sikhs, who constitute 7% and 4% of total voters, respectively (Table 1). The mobilisation of Jats and OBCs in favour of the Congress and the BJP can be attributed to organised community meetings held prior to the election. Among Jats, six in 10 (60%) mentioned that members of their community had organised meetings to decide which party or candidate to vote for, while nearly the same fraction (57%) of other OBC voters indicated the same. Voters from other caste communities also mentioned such community meetings before the election, but their prevalence was notably lower compared with those of Jats and other OBCs (Table 2).

This divided support for the Congress and the BJP stems from voters' perceptions of how effectively the BJP addressed the interests of their caste communities. Survey findings clearly indicate that a significant number of Jats believed their community's interests had been neglected – a sentiment that is understandable given the BJP selected both its Chief Ministers over the past 10 years from non-Jat communities in a State where Jats have historically played a dominant role in politics. Similar sentiments were expressed by voters belonging to the Jatav and Muslim communities, albeit to varying degrees (Table 3). Yet one notices that there was a limit to the Jat consolidation by the Congress as the regional players as well as the BJP garnered a substantive chunk of Jat votes.

Overall, the 2024 Haryana Assembly election results underscore the pivotal role of caste dynamics in voter mobilisation, with both the Congress and the BJP drawing on their respective caste bases. The Congress's success in mobilising Jats, Jatavs, and minority communities had its limits. The BJP's appeal to non-Jat upper castes and OBC voters highlights the fractured nature of caste politics in Haryana and provides an explanation for the BJP's success.

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**Table 1:** Jats voted for Congress, OBC tilted towards the BJP

| | Party voted for... | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Congress | BJP | BSP+INLD | Others |
| Brahmin | 31 | 51 | 2 | 16 |
| Punjabi Khatris | 18 | 68 | 4 | 10 |
| Jat | 53 | 28 | 6 | 13 |
| Other upper caste | 22 | 59 | 4 | 15 |
| Gujjar | 44 | 37 | 5 | 14 |
| Yadav | 25 | 62 | 2 | 11 |
| Other OBC | 32 | 47 | 8 | 13 |
| Jatav | 50 | 35 | 6 | 9 |
| Other SC | 33 | 45 | 10 | 12 |
| Muslim | 59 | 7 | 3 | 31 |
| Sikh | 47 | 21 | 17 | 15 |

***Note:*** *All figures in %.*

**Table 3:** Voters view about BJP being able to take care of the interest of their caste community

| | Did BJP succeed in taking care of the interest of different caste community | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Successful fully | Successful somewhat | Failed somewhat | Failed fully |
| Overall | 18 | 21 | 16 | 27 |
| Jat | 17 | 15 | 10 | 43 |
| Other upper caste | 18 | 20 | 23 | 19 |
| Yadav+Gujjar | 28 | 22 | 15 | 17 |
| Other OBC | 21 | 28 | 21 | 13 |
| Jatav | 12 | 20 | 15 | 36 |
| Other SC | 21 | 22 | 17 | 20 |
| Muslims | 10 | 18 | 9 | 51 |
| Sikh | 25 | 34 | 11 | 13 |

***Note:*** *The rest did not respond. All figures in %.*

**Table 2:** Community meetings more among Jats and OBC compared with other caste communities

| In your area did the people of your community organise any meeting to decide which party or candidate to vote for? | Yes |
|---|---|
| Overall | 51 |
| Jat | 60 |
| Other OBC | 57 |
| Sikh | 52 |
| Dalits | 51 |
| Yadav+Gujjar | 45 |
| Other upper caste | 43 |
| Muslims | 41 |

***Note:*** *Only the yes category is reported. The rest did not respond. All figures in %.*

**Dominant role:** Former Haryana Chief Minister and Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda in Rohtak on Tuesday. PTI

From Page One

## Leaders race to form govts. in J&K, Haryana

"As a courtesy, we [State unit leaders] came to meet the national leaders, the meeting was already fixed. There were no discussions on any other issues," Haryana BJP president Mohan Lal Badoli told presspersons in the national capital.

In response to queries about the new Chief Minister, he said: "After Dasara, whatever the party decides, we will let you know."

In Srinagar, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee president Tariq Karra visited the house of NC president Farooq Abdullah and vice president Omar Abdullah. "An official discussion will take place after the meetings with the legislative members and alliance partners," Mr. Karra said.

The NC will hold its legislature party meeting on Thursday and will meet with its allies in the Congress on Friday.

The first business of the new Cabinet must be to pass a resolution demanding the restoration of Statehood for J&K, Mr. Abdullah said. "We will at the same time keep the conversation alive on Article 370. We are not going to fool the people by promising something we cannot deliver immediately," he said.

## Ratan Tata, a titan of industry, takes final bow

Mr. Modi said Mr. Tata provided stable leadership to one of India's oldest and most prestigious business houses, and at the same time his contribution went far beyond the boardroom.

In a statement, Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran said, "It is with a profound sense of loss that we bid farewell to Mr. Ratan Naval Tata, a truly uncommon leader whose immeasurable contributions have shaped not only the Tata Group but also the very fabric of our nation."

The Congress condoled the death, with Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi saying Mr. Tata was a man with a vision who had left a lasting mark on both business and philanthropy. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also expressed sadness over Mr. Tata's death, saying that in his passing "we have lost an invaluable son of India".

RNT, as he was called in the Tata Group, was its chairman from 1990 to 2012, when he handed over the baton to Cyrus Mistry. Following Mr. Mistry's ouster in 2016, he again assumed the position of interim chairman. He handed over the reins to Mr. Chandrasekaran, who was appointed chairman of Tata Sons in February 2017.

Though Mr. Tata had retired, he had a firm grip on the group as well as Tata Trusts, which owns over 67% stake in Tata Sons, the holding company of the group.

It was J.R.D. Tata who identified his talent and chose him as his successor in 1990. In the initial years, Mr. Tata had to face steep resistance from several satraps who had operational control over large companies. Mr. Tata eased them out by the mid-1990s.

Then he focused on putting the house in order and subsequently went global with the acquisition of Tetley, Jaguar, Land Rover, and Corus Steel.

It was he who made the Tata an international company and enhanced the stature of the group.

He was polite to talk to but tough while dealing with issues and his opponents.

Besides being the tallest industrialist India ever had, he was a philanthropist.

Post-retirement, he nurtured dozens of start-ups and invested in them through his company RNT Associates.

# RBI holds rate at 6.5%, shifts stance to 'neutral'

Central Bank thus opens the door for a rate cut in the near future; Monetary Policy Committee notes that currently the macroeconomic parameters of inflation and growth are well balanced

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday maintained its benchmark interest rate at 6.5% for the 10th successive monetary policy review since April 2023, but opened the door for a rate cut in the near future by shifting its policy stance to "neutral".

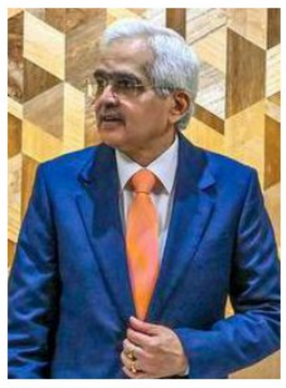
The *status quo* on interest rates was approved by a majority of five out of six members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) which met for three days starting October 7, with three new external members on board.

The change of the policy stance from "withdrawal of accommodation" to "neutral" was, however, unanimously agreed upon by the committee, along with a resolve to unambiguously focus on a durable alignment of inflation with the target, while also supporting growth.

"The MPC noted that currently the macroeconomic parameters of inflation and growth are well balanced. Going forward, the moderation in headline inflation is expected to reverse in September and likely to remain elevated in the near-term due to adverse base effects, among other factors," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said.

"It is with a lot of effort that the inflation horse has been brought to the stable, that is closer to the target within the tolerance band compared to its heightened levels two years ago," Mr. Das said. Retail inflation was under the central bank's median target of 4% in July and August.

"We have to be very careful about opening the gate as the horse may simply bolt again. We must keep the horse under tight leash, so that we do not lose control. Going forward, we need to closely monitor the evolving conditions for further confirmation of the disinflationary impulses," he said.


Shaktikanta Das

The RBI did not alter its 7.2% GDP growth projection and the 4.5% average inflation estimate for 2024-25, with risks evenly balanced. However, it did lower its second quarter inflation projection to 4.1% from 4.4%, even as it expects that pace to pick up 4.8% in the October to December quarter.

Asked about the inflation analogy moving to horses from an elephant cited in earlier policy statements, Mr. Das said: "It is not a shift. Earlier I used elephant, this time I am using horse. The reason is that it is a war against inflation and in a war, elephants and horses are used historically."

Stating that domestic growth has sustained its momentum, with private consumption and investment growing in tandem, he said resilient growth had given the RBI the space to focus on inflation so as to ensure its durable descent to the 4% target. "In these circumstances, the MPC decided to remain watchful of the evolving inflation outlook in the coming months," the Governor said.

"Unexpected weather events and worsening of geopolitical conflicts constitute major upside risks to inflation," he said.

# Allies ask Congress to introspect after Haryana, J&K results

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

> Wherever the Cong. is weak, it takes help from regional parties, but where it thinks it is strong, Cong. assigns no importance to regional parties
>
> **SANJAY RAUT**
> Shiv Sena (UBT) leader

Urging the Congress to "introspect" over the Assembly election results declared on Tuesday, the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) parties said the Congress's "overconfidence" and "arrogance" had led to its defeat in Haryana and modest performance in Jammu and Kashmir.

The strongest criticism came from Shiv Sena (UBT), which indicates trouble ahead during the negotiations within the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in Maharashtra. Speaking in Mumbai to presspersons, senior Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Raut said the poll outcome could have been different if there was an overarching alliance in place in Haryana.

"Wherever the Congress is weak, it takes help from regional parties, but where it thinks it is strong, the Congress assigns no importance to regional parties," Mr. Raut said.

**'Importance of a face'**

He drew a parallel with Jammu and Kashmir, where the National Conference accommodated allies, including the Congress. He also pressed for the MVA to declare a chief ministerial candidate, saying that having Omar Abdullah as the face in J&K helped the alliance. "In a State like Maharashtra, people want a leader. People cannot digest the policy that you first contest polls and declare the CM face later."

The Congress and the Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP) are insisting that the CM be finalised based on the strength of each of the MVA constituents.

"Had Haryana polls contested by INDI alliance and seats allocated to Samajwadi Party, Aam Aadmi Party, NCP (SP), and Shiv Sena (UBT), such scenario would have helped the alliance, but Congress thought the battle would be one-sided and it will win on its own," Mr. Raut said. At the same time, Mr. Raut said that Tuesday's results will have no bearing on the Maharashtra Assembly polls.

Despite several rounds of talks with the AAP, initiated on the suggestion of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, the alliance was stalled by faction led by former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda in the State.

Reacting to the results, former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said the single biggest lesson from the results was that no party should be "overconfident".

The Trinamool Congress, which did not have an electoral understanding with the Congress in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, and positions itself at a distance from the grand old party, even within the INDIA bloc, took the opportunity to underline the significance of regional parties.

Without naming the Congress, Trinamool Rajya Sabha member Saket Gokhale, in a post on X, said that the attitude to not accommodate regional parties when they believe they are winning while expecting the regional parties to accommodate them in States where they are weak needs to change. "Arrogance, entitlement, and looking down on regional parties is a recipe for disaster," he said.

The CPI(M), in alliance with the Congress in Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir, was mildly critical of the party's electoral strategy. In a statement, the CPI(M) Polit Bureau said the results provided "valuable lessons for secular forces".

The BJP's victory in Haryana, it said, is marked by micro-caste mobilisation and insidious communal propaganda.

# EC meets Congress delegation on complaints about Haryana election

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**Differing stance:** The Congress party delegation comes out from the EC office in New Delhi on Wednesday. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

The Election Commission of India on Wednesday said statements made by certain Congress leaders that the Haryana Assembly election results were unacceptable was "unprecedented" and "unheard in the rich democratic heritage" of the country. The poll body though met a delegation of Congress leaders who alleged "glaring" discrepancies related to Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) during counting.

In a scathing letter to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, the EC said the time to meet the delegation had been given presuming that his position that the Haryana results were "unexpected" was the official position, as against that of some leaders who said that the "results are not acceptable".

The 12-member delegation which met the EC later in the day included senior Congress leaders K.C. Venugopal, Pawan Khera, Jairam Ramesh, former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Hooda.

"During the counting of votes for Haryana Assembly elections, a glaring discrepancy was discovered by the Congress candidates and their respective polling agents. This discrepancy related to the battery charge/health/capacity of the EVM machines being used during the counting of votes," the memorandum submitted to the poll body by the Congress party said.

It further said that as per the Congress candidates, some EVMs used for counting were operating at 99% battery capacity, while other EVMs were operating at 60-70% battery capacity. "In fact, in some cases, this discrepancy was discovered in EVMs used in the same polling station. Immediately upon discovery, the Congress candidates raised this issue before the Returning Officers concerned. However, in majority of the places, there was no response received in this regard".

Speaking to the media after the meeting with the EC, Mr. Khera said that the delegation intimated the commission regarding complaints from seven constituencies and has demanded that all machines should be sealed and secured pending investigation. Some of the constituencies were Karnal, Dabwali and Narnaul.

"We will inform them of the rest of the complaints over the next 48 hours, he said adding that the EC has promised that it would issue a written response to all the complaints.

## Accused in police remand in GST case

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

A day after the Ahmedabad Crime Branch made arrests in an alleged GST scam in which suspects are said to have floated bogus firms and availed input tax credit, a court on Wednesday sent them to police custody for 10 days.

One of the arrested is *The Hindu*'s Gujarat correspondent, Mahesh Langa.

Mr. Langa's counsel Vedanta Rajguru said the journalist is neither a director nor promoter of DA Enterprise, named in the FIR. In the remand application, the police said he was running it in the names of his relative and wife. The company is owned by Manoj Langa, a relative of Mahesh Langa, whose wife is a silent partner, counsel said. "The police case hinges on a statement made by Manoj Langa that he carried out the transactions on the instructions of Mahesh Langa," Mr. Rajguru said.

# Rahul Gandhi analysing 'unexpected' Haryana results, Surjewala calls for scrutiny

**Sandeep Phukan**
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi

Stunned into silence by Tuesday's shock defeat of the Congress in Haryana, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, reacted to the Assembly election results, including in J&K, only on Wednesday.

Mr. Gandhi said the party was analysing the "unexpected" Haryana results, while lauding the people of Jammu and Kashmir for the INDIA bloc's win as "a victory of the Constitution, a victory of democratic self-respect".

"We are analysing the unexpected results of Haryana. We will inform the Election Commission [EC] about the complaints coming from many assembly constituencies," Mr. Gandhi said in a post on X, while thanking party workers for their tireless, hard work.

Even as a Congress delegation met the EC to complain about the counting process and electronic voting machines (EVMs), senior leader Randeep Surjewala, a known critic of former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, was more forthcoming.

**Consecutive losses**

"The party needs to make a serious assessment and introspect on the three consecutive [Assembly election] losses [in Haryana] and the reasons thereof," Mr. Surjewala told *The Hindu* over phone.

During the election campaign, Lok Sabha member from Sirsa and former Union Minister, Kumari Selja, had not only publicly staked her claim to the chief ministerial post in the event of a win for the Congress, she was also upset over ticket distribution. With not too many of her supporters finding favour, she had also stayed away from the campaign and joined only on September 26, when Mr. Gandhi addressed a rally.

"It will not be business as usual in Haryana and I am sure the Congress high command would identify those who negated the efforts to bring the party to power after 10 years," Ms. Selja, the Congress's most prominent Scheduled Caste face, had said on Tuesday.

Beyond factionalism, the Congress's rebels also cost the party dearly.

# Trump praises Modi, says he is the 'nicest human being' but can also be a 'total killer'

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Narendra Modi

Former U.S. President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and described Mr. Modi's change in demeanour in response to perceived threats. His comments were made on an episode of the Flagrant podcast, hosted by Andrew Schulz and Akaash Singh.

Before getting into the segment on Mr. Modi, the former President asked the host, Mr. Singh, if he liked Mr. Modi.

Mr. Singh, sidestepped the question, saying he had family on both sides, those who loved everything [about Mr. Modi] and those who did not.

"Before him, they were replacing 'em every year, " Mr. Trump said, incorrectly. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Mr. Modi's predecessor, was in the post from 2004-2014.

"He's great, he's a friend of mine," Mr. Trump said about Mr. Modi.

"But on the outside he looks like your father, he's the nicest ... total killer," Mr. Trump said.

The former President described the Howdy Modi event held in 2019 in Houston, Texas, where he appeared with Mr. Modi at an Indian diaspora event.

"He's the nicest human being, but we had a couple of occasions when someone was threatening India," Mr. Trump said, as he described his offer to help the Prime Minister with these threats.

"I will do it, I will do it, then I will do anything necessary," Mr. Trump said, changing his voice and accent, doing an apparent impression of Mr. Modi.

"We've defeated them for hundreds of years," Mr. Trump said, as he continued with his impression of Mr. Modi, adding that the Prime Minister was "talking about a certain country" – a reference to Pakistan. Pakistan, however, was created out of British India in 1947 and is less than 100 years old.

Mr. Trump characterised Mr. Modi as a "good person".

The BJP took note of the podcast and made a social media post about it, criticising the Congress-led UPA government's response to the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

## SP declares candidates for six bypoll seats in U.P.

**The Hindu Bureau**
LUCKNOW

The Samajwadi Party on Wednesday declared candidates for six of the 10 Uttar Pradesh Assembly constituencies where byelections are due later this year.

PDA (*Pichada*, Dalit, and *Alpasankhyak*, or backward, Dalit and minority communities) remained the focus of the SP in ticket distribution.

The SP announced party chief Akhilesh Yadav's cousin, Tej Pratap Singh Yadav, as its candidate from Karhal.

The Congress, a partner of the SP in the INDIA bloc, said the central leadership would take a decision on seat sharing. "It has not been discussed with INDI alliance coordination committee nor am I privy to that [before deceleration of candidates]," said U.P. Congress in-charge Avinash Pandey.

## INBRIEF

### Missing jawan found dead in J&K's Anantnag forest area

An Army jawan was found dead on Wednesday, a day after he went missing in a forest area of Anantnag's Kokernag area. An Army spokesman said a joint counter-terrorist operation was launched by the Army along with the J&K Police in the Kazwan forest of Kokernag on October 8 and continued overnight as one soldier of the Territorial Army was reported missing. Official sources said two jawans on a recce were reported missing on Tuesday evening. One jawan returned safely. The body of the missing soldier was recovered on Wednesday morning from the forest area, officials said. The Army could not immediately confirm the cause of death. An official said an investigation was under way to establish the circumstances under which the soldier went missing. The deceased soldier was identified as Hilal Ahmad Bhat, a resident of Mukdhampora, Nowgam, Anantnag.

### ₹4,000 cr. for border roads in Punjab, Rajasthan approved

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved construction of 2,280 km of roads in the border areas of Rajasthan and Punjab at an investment of ₹4,406 crore. "This decision will have a major impact on the road and telecom connectivity, and facilities of water supply, health and education. It will also enhance rural livelihood, ease travel, and ensure connectivity of these areas with the rest of the highway network," a government press statement said.

## BJP distances itself from party leader's U.S. polls meet

**Nistula Hebbar**
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi may have avoided meeting both candidates, Vice-President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump, in the U.S. election during his recent visit, but the poll, due in less than a month, has created a controversy within the BJP.

On Wednesday, the BJP's foreign affairs cell incharge, Vijay Chauthaiwale, took to social media platform X to state that an online event being organised by Delhi BJP leader Vijay Jolly and hosting Shalabh Kumar, chairperson of the Republican Hindu Coalition USA, had nothing to do with the party, and that the BJP was not supporting or opposing any candidate in the fray.

"It has been brought to my notice that Shri @VijayJollyBJP, self proclaimed 'senior BJP leader' is organising online meeting supporting one of the two main presidential candidates of the US elections. BJP has nothing to do with this event. BJP is very clear that US elections is an internal matter of the US and BJP is not supporting or opposing any candidate in that country," Mr. Chauthaiwale posted.

# Modi to hold bilateral talks with leaders at ASEAN-India summit

Relations with ASEAN a central pillar of Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific vision, says External Affairs Ministry announcing the PM's two-day visit

**Kallol Bhattacherjee**
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Laos on Thursday and Friday to attend the 21st ASEAN-India and the 19th East Asia Summits.

The annual events are crucial as they are being held against the backdrop of fast developments in Myanmar where ethnic armed organisations are battling the military junta of the country, creating hurdles for regional connectivity and security plans.

"India is marking a decade of the Act East Policy this year. Relations with ASEAN are a central pillar of the Act East Policy and our Indo-Pacific vision," the Ministry of External Affairs said on Thursday announcing the visit.

Mr. Modi will reach the Laotian capital Vientiane on Thursday and will hold bilateral meetings with leaders of the ASEAN countries after attending the ASEAN-India summit in the afternoon.

**Major meet:** The ASEAN summit is crucial as it comes at a time when India's neighbour Myanmar is going through a crisis. AFP

Laos is the current chair of ASEAN and Mr. Modi will be travelling at the invitation of his Laotian counterpart, Sonexay Siphandone.

**Maritime issues**

The ASEAN summit, which began on October 6, is significant as it is being held against the backdrop of heightened tension between the Philippines and China over maritime issues in the South China Sea and the crisis in Myanmar where the ethnic groups are scoring big victories against the military force of the junta. Apart from the regional leaders, Laos will host Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

The events in Laos will be the first diplomatic engagement by the new Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, who took charge on October 1. During his stay in Vientiane, Mr. Modi will witness the Lao adaptation of the Ramayana.

The ancient Indian classic is celebrated as *Phra Lak Phra Lam* (*Phra Lakshman Phra Ram*) and it is one of the several adaptations of the classic in Southeast Asia.

# CCS clears deals for 31 MQ-9B drones and submarines

**Dinakar Peri**
NEW DELHI

Approval from CCS is the final step and the MQ-9B deal now awaits formal conclusion.

The Cabinet Committee on Security on Wednesday approved two high-profile deals for the purchase of 31 MQ-9B High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) from General Atomics of the U.S. and indigenous construction of two nuclear attack submarines (SSNs).

The MQ-9B HALE UAVs are for the three services, as confirmed by two official sources.

Approval from CCS is the final step and the MQ-9B deal now awaits formal conclusion. As part of the deal, General Atomics is scheduled to establish a Global Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India which would count towards offset obligations.

As reported by *The Hindu* earlier in end-July, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Mr. Singh had approved amendments to the MQ-9B deal related to indigenous content and related aspects.

The deal for 31 MQ-9B UAVs, 15 Sea Guardians for the Indian Navy and 16 Sky Guardians, eight each for the Indian Army and Air Force, is estimated to cost $3.99 billion.

India has already indigenously manufactured nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBN) and the SSN project will be a follow-on to that.

India's second SSBN, *INS Arighaat*, was commissioned into service at Visakhapatnam in end-August joining *INS Arihant*, which was commissioned into service in 2016.

The SSNs are a critical requirement for the Navy as they give unlimited endurance to perform a variety of tasks, their endurance only limited by that of the crew.

India has in the past leased two SSNs from Russia and a third SSN which has been contracted is expected to join service in another two or three years after some delay.

## Former chief of Delhi AIIMS P. Venugopal passes away

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Dr. P. Venugopal, former Director of the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) and a pioneer of cardiac surgery, who conducted India's first heart transplant and led over 50,000 heart surgeries in his career, passed away on Tuesday. He was 82.

He was cremated on Wednesday at the Lodhi Road Crematorium here at 3 p.m.

He, a Padma Bhushan awardee, is survived by his wife, Priya Sarkar, and daughter, Saiansha Panangipalli. He published his memoirs, *Heartfelt*, jointly with his wife in 2023.

As a leading surgeon, Venugopal introduced many advanced concepts in cardiac surgery from the western world to India.

## SC interprets what constitutes crime of 'abetment of suicide'

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has interpreted the crime of "abetment of suicide", saying the offence is made if "direct and alarming encouragement or incitement" has left the deceased with no option but to take the fatal step.

A Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said the "extreme action" could be due to a "great disturbance" leading to psychological imbalance.

The order followed an appeal by persons who were senior officials in a private company accused of abetting the suicide of an employee by compelling him to retire. The Allahabad High Court had refused their plea to quash criminal proceedings under Section 306 (abetment of suicide) of the IPC.

Allowing the appeal, the court laid down illustrative, not exhaustive, parameters to check if it is an abetment case. The first question would be whether the accused had created "a situation of unbearable harassment or torture, leading the deceased to see suicide as the only escape". Second, whether the accused exploited any emotional vulnerability to make a person feel "worthless or undeserving of life"? Third, was it a case of threats to the deceased of harm to his or family or financial ruin? Last, were there false allegations that may have damaged the reputation of the deceased and pushed him to die by suicide, the court said.

*(Those in distress could call suicide prevention helpline: 1056, 0471-2552056)*

## 'Ban stalls of non-Sanatani people at Kumbh Mela'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad (ABAP), an apex body of Hindu seers and religious leaders, on Wednesday announced its decision to prevent "non-Sanatani" people – or those who do not believe in Sanatan Dharma – from entering or putting up stalls at the Kumbh Mela, scheduled to be held in Prayagraj next year.

Leaders of the Hindu group attributed their decision to videos allegedly depicting people from "a particular community" adding spit and urine to food items. They also demanded that only Sanatani police officials be assigned to duty. They intend to convey their demands to the Uttar Pradesh government next month.

# Calcutta HC seeks response of Centre, Bengal on stalled MGNREGS wage payments

**The Hindu Bureau**
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court has sought a response from the Union and West Bengal governments over the stalled payment of unemployment allowance to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) beneficiaries.

On October 7, the court referred to the differences between the two governments over the release of MGNREGS funds, leading to non-payment of wages.

West Bengal Advocate-General Kishore Datta said the State was unable to implement the scheme owing to a March 9, 2022 order by the Centre freezing the funds due to the State and asking it to follow certain directives.

Mr. Datta, appearing before a Division Bench of Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam and Justice Bivas Pattanayak, said the State government had taken several measures in compliance with the directives and the freeze should be lifted. "The Centre has paid 49 visits, but did not find any substantial irregularities. We sent 20 action-taken reports to the visiting team, but there has been no response."

"Whether their paymaster pays or not, it is the obligation of the State government to provide employment," argued advocate Purbayan Chakraborty, representing the Paschim Banga Khet Mazdoor Samity.

He said the row could not be a reason for not providing work to thousands of rural workers, which affected their lives adversely.

About a month ago, 4,700 MGNREGS workers wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging him to resume the scheme in the State which had been suspended over a face-off between theparties.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had accused multiple times that the Centre had failed to release their long overdue MGNREGA funds.

## Govt. approves continuation of free fortified rice supply

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the continuation of supply of free fortified rice under various welfare programmes from July 2024 to December 2028.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said rice fortification would continue as a Central sector initiative with 100% funding by the Centre to ensure inclusive nutritional security in the country.

The move is aimed at addressing anaemia and micronutrient deficiency.

Fortified rice will be provided free under programmes such as the Targeted Public Distribution System, Integrated Child Development Service, and PM POSHAN, in all the States and UTs.

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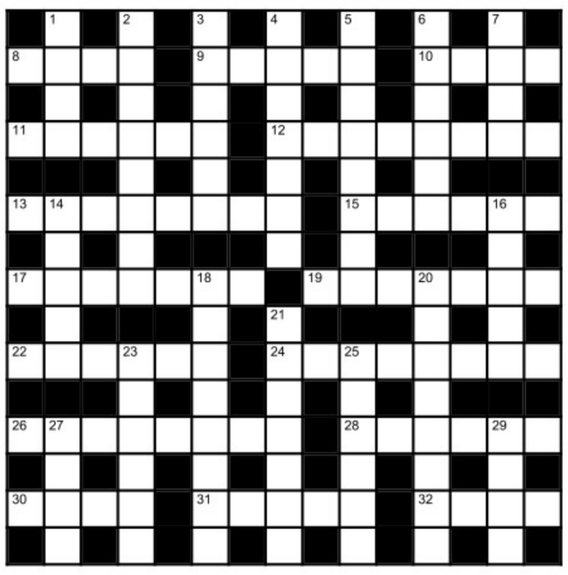

**Across**

**8** Wrongly okay knock out (4)
**9** Some sort of mistakes in party, possibly (5)
**10** Cereal that's priceless to some extent (4)
**11** Starting of financial institution as company is big failure (6)
**12** Urge fees to be arranged for asylum seekers (8)
**13** Relatively expensive south Indian breakfast dish with right portion of ketchup (8)
**15** Allocates stall built around middle of October (6)
**17** Rise for this type of comedian? (5-2)
**19** Press, for example, adopts hundred and fifty for health check-up (7)
**22** As one English boy is at locale not having beer... (2,4)
**24** Extracts necessaries manufactured in absence of air (8)
**26** Support for experts without practical experience (8)
**28** Female monster progresses to some extent (6)
**30** Malaise from admitting guilt under examination, at first (4)
**31** Stick fake diamonds using winding tapes (5)
**32** Gas obtained from north eastern Ontario (4)

**Down**

**1** Liquor found in rejected paprika sauce (4)
**2** Wax coins arranged for boatman (8)
**3** Couple in ship performing duties (2,4)
**4** Ghosts in the liquor cabinet? (7)
**5** Foals ate excitedly in recent times (2,2,4)
**6** French university girl is economical (6)
**7** Spots damaged ancient tin is missing (4)
**14** Turn up with can for president (5)
**16** Rib, a sort of bone with dexterousness (5)
**18** Endlessly uncle takes snakes and releases (8)
**20** Unaware and madly ranting about nothing (8)
**21** Put on clothes again in reparation (7)
**23** Living things repose around China by end of autumn (6)
**25** Implement got from small squalid dwelling (6)
**27** Right time for anger (4)
**29** Mao leaves spilled shampoo in store (4)

## SUDOKU

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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## FAITH

### Serving God and Acharyas

When we do aradhana to Lord Narayana, our Acharyas are pleased. So, service to God gets converted into service to Acharyas. Kainkarya is a word that has deep significance in the Visishtadvaitic tradition. It goes beyond service to Bhagavan on this earth alone. It extends to Sri Vaikuntha too. For Sri Vaishnavas, serving the Lord is not just a means to moksha, but continues in Sri Vaikuntha. The kainkarya that we do for Him is parama purushartha, said Kazhiyur B. Devarajan in a discourse. It is our preceptor who leads us to the Lord. That is why serving Acharyas is important.

A classic example of devotion to his Acharya is seen in the case of Madhurakavi Azhvar. In his *Kanninun Siruthambu*, he praises only his Acharya – Nammazhvar. He does not praise God. A similar devotion to his preceptor is seen in the case of Vaduga Nambi. Once when Lord Ranganatha was out on a procession, Vaduga Nambi was busy boiling milk for Ramanujacharya. He said caring for his God, namely Ramanujacharya, was more important than having darshan of Lord Ranganatha. On another occasion, Ramanujacharya was leaving for a pilgrim centre. He asked Vaduga Nambi to pack the deities that he (Ramanuja) worshipped every day. When they arrived at the destination, Ramanuja discovered that Vaduga Nambi had packed Ramanuja's sandals along with the deities. A shocked Ramanuja questioned him about why he had committed such a grave offence. Vaduga Nambi replied that his deities, meaning Ramanuja's sandals, were in no way inferior to Ramanuja's deities! So great was Nambi's devotion to Ramanuja.

## INBRIEF

### Probe panel report to ZEE board finds no irregularity

The Independent Investigation Committee (IIC) constituted by the board of ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. (ZEE) has not found any material irregularities in the company's operations, the firm said in a statement on Thursday. "The Committee conducted a thorough review of all the allegations raised by the regulatory agencies," it said, referring to the panel headed by Satish Chandra, former Judge, Allahabad High Court said.

### SpiceJet settles $132-mn dispute with leasing firm

Budget carrier SpiceJet on Wednesday said it has amicably settled a $132-million dispute with aircraft leasing firm Babcock & Brown Aircraft Management (BBAM). The dispute, valued at $131.85 million (₹1,107 crore) with the lessors – Horizon Aviation 1 Ltd., Horizon II Aviation 3 Ltd., and Horizon III Aviation 2 Ltd. – has been resolved for $22.5 million, SpiceJet said in a statement. All these lessors are under the management of BBAM. PTI

### Telcos monthly revenue per user climbs 8% in June qtr

In signs of improving financial metrics of telecom firms, the monthly average revenue for mobile services rose more than 8% year-on-year to ₹157.45 per user in the quarter ended June 2024, according to a report by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). The monthly average revenue per user (ARPU) for wireless service stood at ₹153.54 in the January-March period, thus translating into a 2.55% sequential increase. On a year-on-year basis, AGR grew by 7.51%. PTI

# Hyundai unveils India's largest IPO

**The IPO of ₹27,870 crore consists of an offer for sale for 14.2 crore equity shares by the promoter and has no fresh issues. The price band was fixed between ₹1,865 and ₹1,960 apiece. Bids will be open between October 15 and October 17**

**Ashokamithran T.**
MUMBAI

Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) announced India's largest ever initial public offer (IPO) of ₹27,870 crore on Wednesday. Bids for the IPO will be open between October 15 and October 17.

The IPO consists of an offer for sale for 14.2 crore equity shares by the promoter and involves no fresh issue of share. The proceeds of the offer will be received by the promoter firm. The price band has been fixed between ₹1,865 and ₹1,960 a share.

Hyundai Motor India's MD Unsoo Kim and COO Tarun Garg during the press conference on Wednesday. PTI

The IPO will dilute 17.5% of the promoter shareholding. This will further increase to 25% in the next three to five years, to comply with the minimum public shareholding norms of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the company said.

Increase in price of inputs, and dependence on limited number of suppliers are key risk factors, according to the prospectus. The share of parts sourced from outside India has increased to 19% in Q1 2024-25, from about 17.55% in 2022.

HMIL is the second largest automobile company in India with a market share of 15% in Q1 this year, after Maruti Suzuki, which has the largest market share of 41%, according to its Red Herring Prospectus.

"We are the largest exporter on a cumulative basis since the last two decades. So we have a double engine growth; domestic and foreign," said Tarun Garg, chief operating officer, HMIL. Hyundai has plans to introduce three new electric vehicles in the current financial year.

This is among the world's first automobile IPOs in about two decades, HMIL's top brass said. If succesful, this would be the largest ever IPO in the Indian market, eclipsing the ₹21,000 crore raised by the Life Insurance Corporation of India in 2022. Paytm, with a ₹18,300 crore offering in 2021, and Coal India's ₹15,000 crore IPO in 2010, were the other large share sales.

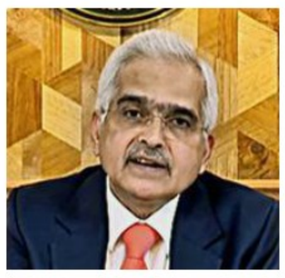
# RBI's Das warns of action on NBFCs 'growing aggressively at any cost'

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday warned of action against non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) pursuing aggressive growth without building sustainable business practices and risk management frameworks.

"An imprudent 'growth-at-any-cost' approach would be counter productive for their own health," Mr. Das said in his monetary policy statement.

Driven by the significant accretion to capital domestic and overseas sources,



Shaktikanta Das ANI

and sometimes under pressure from investors, some NBFCs, including microfinance institutions and housing finance companies, are chasing excessive returns on equity, he said.

"While such pursuits are in the domain of the boards and managements of NBFCs, concerns arise when the interest rates they charge become usurious and get combined with unreasonably high processing fees and frivolous penalties," he said.

**'Push effect'**

"These practices are sometimes further accentuated by what appears to be a 'push effect', as business targets drive retail credit growth rather than its actual demand. The consequent high-cost and high indebtedness could pose financial stability risks, if not addressed by these NBFCs," he added.

While the overall NBFC sector remains healthy, the Governor said the "outliers" must review prevailing compensation practices, variable pay and incentive structures some of which appear to be purely target driven.

Mr. Das stressed that the RBI will not hesitate to take appropriate action, if necessary but added that "self-correction by the NBFCs would, however, be the desired option."

Emphasising the likelihood of stress build-up in a few unsecured loan segments like loans for consumption purposes, he said the RBI will take necessary measures.

### Lenders not to fine MSEs for pre-paying loans: RBI

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

The RBI has proposed to disallow bank levies like foreclosure charges and prepayment penalties on loans to micro and small enterprises (MSEs).

As per current norms, banks and NBFCs are not permitted to levy such prepayment penalties or foreclosure charges on floating rate term loans sanctioned to individual borrowers for purposes other than conducting business. A draft circular shall be issued soon for public consultation, Governor Das said.

## MARKETS

### MARKET WATCH

| | WEDNESDAY | % CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 81,467 | -0.21 |
| US Dollar | 83.96 | 0.01 |
| Gold | 77,700 | -0.76 |
| Brent oil | 76.81 | 0.18 |

### NIFTY 50

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 3153.75 | -6.95 |
| Adani Ports | 1408.15 | -10.40 |
| Apollo Hosp | 7008.90 | 84.60 |
| Asian Paints | 3078.85 | -9.20 |
| Axis Bank | 1170.15 | 16.85 |
| Bajaj Auto | 11818.10 | -71.00 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 1866.95 | 28.80 |
| Bajaj Finance | 7300.45 | 113.50 |
| Bharat Elec | 282.40 | 2.15 |
| Bharti Airtel | 1678.10 | 20.65 |
| BPCL | 338.85 | 0.85 |
| Britannia Ind | 6097.25 | -107.15 |
| Cipla | 1680.50 | 39.80 |
| Coal India | 486.95 | -4.90 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 6664.85 | 8.80 |
| Eicher Motors | 4708.90 | 15.45 |
| Grasim Ind | 2715.75 | -22.45 |
| HCL Tech | 1809.70 | 20.25 |
| HDFC Bank | 1633.15 | -17.90 |
| HDFC Life | 717.30 | 7.20 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 5554.60 | 24.75 |
| Hindalco | 727.55 | 5.75 |
| Hind Unilever | 2768.95 | -49.85 |
| ICICI Bank | 1244.15 | 7.55 |
| IndusInd Bank | 1341.55 | -18.00 |
| Infosys | 1952.75 | 4.20 |
| ITC | 491.70 | -16.25 |
| JSW Steel | 994.50 | -3.70 |
| Kotak Bank | 1800.80 | -2.60 |
| L&T | 3487.10 | -45.30 |
| M&M | 3153.00 | -12.85 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 12760.70 | 228.75 |
| NestleIndia | 2516.00 | -65.75 |
| NTPC | 418.45 | -2.50 |
| ONGC | 288.50 | -4.95 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 329.75 | 2.60 |
| Reliance Ind | 2749.20 | -45.50 |
| SBI Life | 1737.40 | 9.35 |
| State Bank | 797.40 | 15.95 |
| Shriram Finance Ltd. | 3387.95 | 58.65 |
| Sun Pharma | 1930.85 | 13.70 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 1117.80 | -1.25 |
| Tata Motors | 939.15 | 19.35 |
| Tata Steel | 159.06 | -0.46 |
| TCS | 4252.95 | -0.30 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1658.80 | 29.70 |
| Titan | 3493.45 | 0.10 |
| Trent Ltd. | 8220.85 | 178.90 |
| UltraTech Cement | 11350.15 | -39.65 |
| Wipro | 531.15 | 4.20 |

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 09

| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL |
|---|---|---|
| US Dollar | 83.76 | 84.08 |
| Euro | 91.77 | 92.12 |
| British Pound | 109.6 | 110.02 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 56.29 | 56.5 |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.85 | 11.9 |
| Swiss Franc | 97.59 | 97.98 |
| Singapore Dollar | 64.18 | 64.44 |
| Canadian Dollar | 61.24 | 61.47 |
| Malaysian Ringitt | 19.56 | 19.65 |

Source:Indian Bank

### Soon, a new repository to bridge climate risk data gaps

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

The RBI has proposed a data repository, namely the Reserve Bank - Climate Risk Information System (RB-CRIS), in two parts, to bridge the gap in climate related data for entities.

The first part will be a web-based directory, listing various data sources, and would be accessible on RBI's website. The second part will be a data portal comprising processed data in standardised formats.

The access to this data portal would be made available only to regulated entities for improving their climate risk assessment, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das announced Thursday.

### RBI enhances transaction limits on UPI 123, UPI Lite

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

To encourage wider adoption of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), the RBI on Thursday announced an increase in transaction limits on UPI123 and UPI Lite.

Currently, the per-transaction limit in UPI123Pay is capped at ₹5,000.

To widen use-cases, the RBI, in consultation with stakeholders, has decided to enhance the per-transaction limit to ₹10,000.

The RBI also decided to enhance the per-transaction limit on UPI Lite from ₹500 to ₹1,000, and the overall wallet limit from ₹2,000 to ₹5,000.

The banking regulator has also decided to introduce 'beneficiary account name look-up facility' for Real Time Gross Settlement System (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) in line with payment systems like UPI and IMPS, providing an option to the remitter to verify the name of the beneficiary before initiating a payment transaction.

# EU's CBAM, deforestation norms unilateral, arbitrary: FM

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday called out the European Union's initiatives such as the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and Deforestation rules as 'unilateral' and 'arbitrary' measures that will hurt countries like India and stifle economic growth as well as green energy transition goals.

Terming the CBAM plan a trade barrier, Ms. Sitharaman said more such challenges are likely to be thrown up by the developed countries, posing unforeseeable risks for countries like India that

Nirmala Sitharaman

are working towards their 'net zero' commitments to cope with climate change.

**'Not helpful to India'**

"There can be many [measures like this] but they are unilateral, and not helpful for countries like India," she said at the Financial Times Energy Transition Summit. Asked if India may take up these issues in parleys related to the Free Trade Agreement with the EU, the Minister said, "I am sure it won't be escalated to the level of hurting the FTA talks as the trade act is an important component of wanting better trade relations, but our concerns will definitely be voiced, We have voiced this this several times, and we will be doing it again."

Ms. Sitharaman also asserted that the Haryana Assembly poll outcomes, where the BJP emerged with a majority, should dispel any perceptions that the present central government is weaker "inspite of coming back to power for the third time".

**KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - Tender Notice**
**Office of the Chief Engineer (Commercial &Tariff), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram.**
Invitation of EoI (Expression of Interest) for supply of 500 MW RTC power on Long Term basis for a period of 25 years using coal linkage allocated to the state of Kerala under SHAKTI B(IV) policy.
Last date for submission of EoI : **18.10.2024, 05.00 pm**
For further details visit **www.kseb.in** Ref : **PR/MC1/F340/2024**

**TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED**
VIDYUT SOUDHA :: VIJAYAWADA-520004
**NOTIFICATION FOR FILLINGUP OF POSTS OF DIRECTORS IN APTRANSCO**
Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up of the posts of (i) Director (Technical), (ii) Director (Finance) on the Board of APTRANSCO, a Company wholly owned by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The details of eligibility criteria, other detailed instructions and prescribed format may be viewed at APTRANSCO Website: **www.aptransco.gov.in.**
**Place: Vijayawada, Dt: 10.10.2024** **Sd/- Chairman & Managing Director**
DIPR 3218PP/CL, Dt:09.10.2024

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.**
Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
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Dy. CE/Substation Design/ TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 498 nos. 66kV Current Transformers (CTs) of various ratios. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 08.10.2024 (05:00 PM onwards).
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| Tender No. | Scope of work | Due date |
|---|---|---|
| 242523 002339 | Bleached Chemi Thermo Mechanical Pulp Softwood (BCTMP SW 70) for Unit-II | 19.10.2024 |
| 242523 002340 | Bleached Chemi Thermo Mechanical Pulp Hardwood (BCTMP HW 70) for Unit-II | 19.10.2024 |
| 242523 002342 | Bleached Softwood Kraft Pulp (BSKP) for Unit - II | 21.10.2024 |
| 242513 003796 | Bleached Chemi Thermo Mechanical Pulp Hardwood (BCTMP HW 80) for Unit-I | 21.10.2024 |
| 242513 003795 | Bleached Softwood Kraft Pulp (BSKP) for Unit - I | 21.10.2024 |
| 242513 003642 | Procurement of SW Refiner Segments for Paper Machine #3 | 25.10.2024 |
| 242513 003722 | Re-Rubber Lining of PM#1 Speed Flow Top & Bottom Applicator Roll. | 24.10.2024 |
| 242513 003750 | Steaming (Non-Coking) Coal in Bulk (Imported) with 4200 GAR of Indonesian origin. | 23.10.2024 |
| 242513 003752 | Imported Limestone for Soda Recovery Plant | 21.10.2024 |
| 242523 002350 | Anionic Surface Sizing Agent for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit-II. | 28.10.2024 |
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Government of Odisha
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KEONJHAR (R&B) CIRCLE, KEONJHAR**
No.4772 / Date : 08.10.2024
**ORDER**
The tender for the work **"Improvement such as widening and Strengthening of Road from Rajpur to Tangarmunda Road (ODR) from 0/000 km to 5/995 km in the district of Sundargarh for the year 2024-25"** invited vide Bid Identification No. **CCEKC - 16/2024-25** is hereby cancelled due to Administrative Reasons.
**Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar.**
B-416: OIPR-34033/11/0039/2425

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
**MADURAI HIGHWAYS PROJECTS CIRCLE**
**TENDER NOTICE**
**Tender Notice No: 05 / 2024-2025 / SDO / Dated: 07.10.2024**
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage Tender under two cover system through online only** will be received upto **11.11.2024 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Projects, Madurai Circle for the work of "**Forming and Improving Western Bypass road** to Tirunelveli town branching from km 148/8 of NH 44 (Thazhaiyuthu) and ending at km 169/6 of NH 44 (Konganthanparai Vilakku) **Phase I : Km 21/0-33/2**" pertaining to Tirunelveli(H), Projects Division.
Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **18.10.2024** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. If any changes/corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
**Superintending Engineer (H), Projects, Madurai Circle.**
DIPR / **4128** / Tender / 2024

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**
**Superintending Engineer (H) Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Circle, Saidapet, Chennai -15.**
**TENDER NOTICE**
**Tender Notice No: 06/2024-25/CMDP/DO/dated : 08.10.2024**
**(Online only)**
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **item rate Tender under Two cover system through online only for Division IV work of 'Construction of a high-level bridge across Coovam river at Padikuppam in lieu of existing bed level causeway connecting Padikuppam road to Poonamallee High Road, and Division – II work of "Balance works in sub estimates of Providing Eight lane to NH-32 from Km 28/0 to Km 29/500 and Providing service road, drain cum footpath and providing road safety in the main work of construction of ROB in lieu of LC – 32 in between Tambaram and Vandalur Railway Station near Perungalatur (Part – I)", will be received upto 15.11.2024, 14.00 Hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Circle, Saidapet, Chennai -15.
Detailed Scope of work, approximate value, EMD, availability of tender document and all other details are available from **15.10.2024** onwards in the Government website **https://www.tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
**Superintending Engineer (H) CMDP Circle, Saidapet, Chennai -15.**
DIPR/ 4167 /TENDER/2024

JERUSALEM

## Six wounded in stabbing across four locations of Israel's Hadera

REUTERS

The Israeli police said at least six persons were wounded in stabbing in four locations of Hadera city, describing it as a "terrorist attack". The police have located the suspect and neutralised him by shooting. The attack comes a week after seven persons were killed in a shooting and stabbing claimed by Hamas in Tel Aviv. AFP

THE HAGUE

## Bolivia joins South Africa's ICJ 'genocide' case against Israel

AFP

Bolivia joined South Africa's case against Israel at the International Court of Justice that alleges the Israeli Gaza offensive breaches the UN Genocide Convention, the court said. The South American country is the latest of several nations, including Colombia, Libya, Spain and Mexico, that became party to the case against Israel. AFP

TOKYO

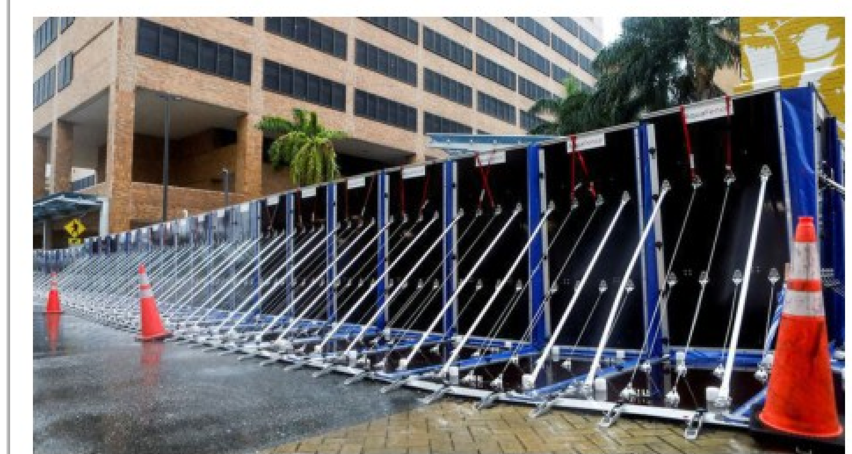
## New PM Ishiba calls snap election in attempt to 'create a new Japan'

AFP

Japan's new Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba dissolved parliament on Wednesday, saying that an election this month was a chance to "create a new Japan" by revitalising rural regions. Mr. Ishiba's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and its junior coalition partner are almost certain to be re-elected on October 27. AFP

TAMPA

## Time runs out in Florida for its citizens to flee Hurricane Milton



REUTERS

Florida residents fled on Wednesday in the final hours before Hurricane Milton, a lethal Category 4 storm, roars out of the ocean and tears across the State. Making matters worse, Milton comes on the heels of Hurricane Helene, which flooded the same west parts of Florida before wreaking havoc across North Carolina. AFP

# 2 killed as rockets hit Israel's north; clashes continue in Lebanon's south

The deaths mark the first civilian casualties since Israel's invasion of Lebanon began; Israeli military says about 20 projectile launches were identified crossing from Lebanon; Hezbollah says its fighters 'bombed enemy troops' with artillery shells

**Agence France-Presse**
JERUSALEM

Israeli emergency responders said two persons were killed on Wednesday in a rocket attack on the northern city of Kiryat Shmona, as the Army and Lebanon's Hezbollah exchanged fire along the border.

"We found a man and a woman aged around 40 years old, unconscious and injured by shrapnel," an emergency service provider said. " Their injuries were serious and we had to declare them dead on the spot," he added.

**Field day:** Firefighters try and put out a fire at a residential building in Kiryat Shmona on Wednesday. REUTERS

The incident is the first involving civilian deaths since Israel sent ground troops into southern Lebanon and began targeting Hezbollah positions with regular air strikes on Beirut.

The Israeli military said approximately 20 projectile launches were identified crossing from Lebanon.

Israel expanded operations in Lebanon nearly a year after Hezbollah began cross-border fire in support of its ally, Hamas, following the Palestinian group's attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

While battling Hamas in Gaza, Israel has vowed to secure its northern border with Lebanon to allow tens of thousands of Israelis displaced by Hezbollah fire to return home.

Hezbollah on Wednesday said its fighters targeted Israeli forces in a south Lebanon border village, shortly after saying Israeli soldiers tried to advance in the area.

Hezbollah fighters "bombed... a gathering of Israeli enemy troops in... Mais al-Jabal with artillery shells", the Iran-backed group said, after earlier saying that clashes were ongoing after Israeli troops tried to advance in the area "from several directions".

Meanwhile, U.S. President Joe Biden held talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday. While there was no readout of the discussion, the U.S. leader's call with Mr. Netanyahu was their first in seven weeks.

# Hezbollah is fighting to defend Lebanon: envoy

**Kallol Bhattacherjee**
NEW DELHI

Hezbollah is a "legitimate political party" in Lebanon and the military wing of Hezbollah is fighting to defend Lebanon which is facing a "brutal war" waged by Israel, Ambassador of Lebanon Rabie Narsh said. In an interview with *The Hindu*, the Lebanese envoy condemned Israel and called upon India to play a role in resolving the conflict in West Asia.

Rabie Narsh

"Hezbollah is a legitimate Lebanese political party with representation in the government, parliament, and the administration. Within the framework of domestic politics, Hezbollah operates according to the established rules of Lebanon's political system. However, it is also a resistance movement, born in 1982 in response to Israel's invasion of Lebanon in the same year," Mr. Narsh said. The envoy's remarks come in response to Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's call for the Lebanese citizens to get rid of Hezbollah.

In a video message issued on Tuesday, Mr. Netanyahu had called upon the Lebanese people to "take back" their country from Hezbollah and that they could face destruction "like Gaza" if the Israel-Hezbollah war continued.

Mr. Narsh argued that Hezbollah is integral to Lebanese society and there is no question of viewing the two separately. "The claim that Israel is merely fighting Hezbollah and not the people of Lebanon is entirely misleading. This false distinction ignores the reality that there is complete unity among our people when it comes to resisting occupation."

### Toll on civilians

He blamed Israel for carrying out a military campaign against the Lebanese people. "The most targeted areas are the southern suburbs of Beirut and Bekaa." He said Israel Defence Forces are using bombs each weighing 2,000 pounds and internationally banned munitions like white phosphorus against targets inside Lebanon.

He welcomed the French decision to stop the flow of weapons to Israel and called upon countries such as France and India to help in stopping the conflict.

"India can use its influence to encourage warmonger Netanyahu to reconsider his aggressive policies and push for an immediate ceasefire," Mr. Narsh said.

# Trio wins Chemistry Nobel for work on protein design and prediction of structures

**Vasudevan Mukunth**
CHENNAI

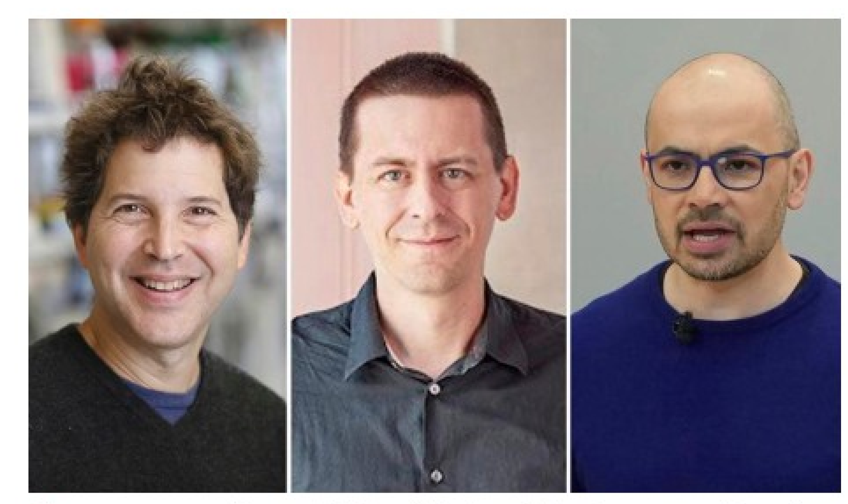
The 2024 Nobel Prize for Chemistry was shared by David Baker "for computational protein design" along with Demis Hassabis and John Jumper "for protein structure prediction," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced on Wednesday.

Heiner Linke, chair of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry, said the award honoured research that connected the sequence of amino acids that make up a protein and the protein's structure.

Mr. Baker led a team that in 2003 designed a new protein using bespoke software methods. They and others have since refined these methods to be able to point the way to 'designer' proteins intended for specific applications.

Johan Åqvist, a former chair of the chemistry Nobel Committee, called the variety of proteins developed by Mr. Baker et al. to be "absolutely mind-blowing" and that "it seems that you can almost construct any type of protein with this technology".

Mr. Hassabis and Mr. Jumper received the other half of the prize for their hand in developing an artificial intelligence model called AlphaFold 2 that could predict the structures of millions of proteins. Human scientists had done that for only around 1.7 lakh proteins until then, although the structures and patterns therein were used to train AlphaFold.



**Glory moment:** (From left) David Baker, John Jumper and Demis Hassabis, the recipients of Nobel Prize for Chemistry, 2024. AP

> With skillful use of artificial intelligence, Demis Hassabis and John Jumper made it possible to predict the complex structure of essentially any known protein in nature
>
> **HEINER LINKE**
> chair of the Nobel Committee

"Four years ago in 2020, Demis Hassabis and John Jumper managed to crack the code. With skillful use of artificial intelligence, they made it possible to predict the complex structure of essentially any known protein in nature," Mr. Linke said.

### Unusual pattern

The Nobel Prize for Mr. Hassabis and Mr. Jumper comes relatively quickly after the corresponding work, around four to six years. There is usually a gap of a few decades between the work and the prize because the former does not immediately prove to be of "greatest benefit to humankind" – a criterion for winning.

For example, John Goodenough shared the 2019 chemistry prize for his work on lithium-ion batteries in 1970s. John Nash, Jr. won part of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1994 for work he had done in the 1950s.

The chemistry prize this year also continues a relatively new tradition in this category of the prize going to non-chemists – although 1981 chemistry laureate Roald Hoffmann has interpreted this to be a mark of chemistry's "far and influential reach", especially in biochemistry and molecular biology.

Mr. Baker works at the University of Washington in Seattle and Mr. Hassabis and Mr. Jumper work at Google DeepMind in London.

# ASEAN calls for an end to the violence in Myanmar

**Agence France-Presse**
Ventiane

Southeast Asian leaders pressed Myanmar's junta and its opponents on Wednesday to take "concrete action" to stop the bloodshed in the country's civil war and sought to kickstart faltering diplomatic efforts to solve the crisis.

The 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has tried to no avail to find a negotiated solution to the Myanmar crisis, which has killed thousands of people and forced millions to flee their homes since the military seized power in February 2021.

The crisis dominated the first day of the ASEAN summit in Vientiane.

ASEAN leaders held their first face-to-face talks with a senior Myanmar junta representative in more than three years on the first day.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Short Tender Call Notice E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle - 12/2024-25 Memo No -2009 Dt.07.10.2024
The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Building works as detailed in the table below:
1. Nature of Work : Building Works
2. No of Work : 2 Nos
3. Tender Cost : Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of Contractor : B & A Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website : From 10.00 AM of Dt.14.10.2024 up to 05.00 PM of Dt.22.10.2024 up to 5.00 PM
6. Date of opening of Bid : Dt 23.10.2024 at 11.30 AM
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website:https://tenderodisha.gov.in. Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.
Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha
B-410 : OIPR-34127/11/0015/2425

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E-Tender Notice No. TCA/Fintech/2024/02 Dated 10/10/2024
E- Tender cum E- Forward Auction
TIDCO invites bids from eligible firms through e-Tender cum e- Forward Auction for selection of a Lessee to grant Long Leasing rights for 99 years of the following Developed Vacant Plot at Fintech City Nandambakkam, Chennai

| S.No | Plot No | Tentative Plot Area (Acre) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | S3 | 2.82 |
| 2. | S4 & S5 | 5.23 |

Interested Bidders can download the tender document from https://tidco.com and https://tntenders.gov.in at free of cost.
The Scheduled for bidding process is as follows:-
1. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 22.10.2024 at 3.00 P.M at TIDCO Office/online VC.
2. Last date and time for submission of Proposals/ Bids is on or before 12.11.2024 at 3.00 P.M through https://tntenders.gov.in.
3. Opening of Technical Proposals / Bids on 13.11.2024 at 3.00 P.M at TIDCO Office.
4. Any subsequent notification on the tender would be published on the above website.
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NOTICE INVITING e-BID (NIB : 14/2024-25)
Request for proposal invited for Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of Hardware Equipments for Vidya Samiksha Kendra with comprehensive on-site warranty for three years up to 06:00 PM of dated 16.10.2024. Other details may be seen in the Bidding Document at State Public Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in or website "www.rajsmsa.nic.in" or E-Proc portal.
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Dy. CE/Substation Design/ TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 182 nos. 11kV, 1.361MVAR Capacitor Banks. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 08.10.2024 (05:00 PM onwards).
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(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813/
Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact number- 96461 47777)
TENDER ENQUIRY No TSQ-1163 / TD-II/2024-25
Dy. CE/TL(Design), B-1 Shakti Vihar, Patiala invites E-tenders for Manufacture, Testing, Supply and Delivery of 111 MT HTGS Earth Wire of size 7/2.24MM for 66 kV works to be carried out under RDSS in departmental mode as per PSPCL Specification No. TSQ-1163/TD-II/2024-25. For detailed NIT and Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 09.10.2024 from 01.00 PM onwards.
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TENDER ENQUIRY No TSQ-1162 / TD-II/2024-25
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SWINGING AWAY

## It was one of those days when I was in the zone: Harmanpreet

ICC

India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur was pleased with her knock against Sri Lanka. "It was one of those days when I was in the zone, I was thinking positively and hitting anything that was in my zone. These pitches here aren't true for batting. You have to keep rotating the strike and only when the ball is in the zone can you swing your bat."

SETTING IT UP

## Harmanpreet praises openers Smriti, Shafali for solid platform

AP

Harmanpreet Kaur's side, in a crucial game against Sri Lanka, was given a solid platform by openers Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma. "Smriti and Shafali gave us a very good start. We discussed it and decided to not throw our wickets away. Jemimah and I wanted to get 7-8 runs an over, and we went with the flow," said the skipper.

TOO STRONG

## Allround South Africa sends Scotland out of the tournament

@ICC

South Africa produced an all-round performance to thrash Scotland by 80 runs in their Group B fixture in Dubai on Wednesday.
**The scores:** South Africa 166/5 in 20 overs (Wolvaardt 40, Brits 43, Kapp 43) bt Scotland 86 in 17.5 overs (Tryon 2/22, Mlaba 3/12, de Klerk 2/15); **Toss:** South Africa; **PoM:** Kapp.

RAINING SIXES

## Nitish, Rinku smash 10 maximums as the Men in Blue rule the day

R.V. MOORTHY

Nitish Kumar, *right*, and Rinku Singh hammered 10 sixes between them as India won the second T20I against Bangladesh by 86 runs to seal the series. While the former smashed seven maximums, the latter hit three. "I should give credit to the captain and coach. They gave me the licence to play fearless cricket," revealed Nitish.

# After Harmanpreet's blazing innings, bowlers dismantle Sri Lanka's line-up

The skipper's unbeaten 52, along with Smriti and Shafali's knocks, takes India to 172 — the highest in this edition; Arundhati, Sobhana scalp three each

WOMEN'S T20 WC

**Lavanya L**
DUBAI

After underwhelming and sluggish performances with the bat against New Zealand and Pakistan, along with some poor fielding, India found itself pushed to a corner with fingers pointed at the team's intent and preparation.

"Where was this team in the games that passed?" asked former India women's team coach W.V. Raman on the airwaves. With the highest total – 172 – of the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup and a dominant 82-run win against Sri Lanka, India silenced the naysayers at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium here on Wednesday.

**Leading by example:** Harmanpreet steered India to a total that proved beyond Sri Lanka. GETTY IMAGES

### Good start

Once Harmanpreet Kaur opted to bat, Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma did not disappoint.

After collectively scoring only 14 against the Kiwis and 39 against Pakistan, the duo frustrated the Lankan bowlers with a 98-run opening stand off just 76 balls.

The large outfield was negated with brisk running between the wickets and smart placements. Sri Lanka was rather defensive, looking to play it safe against a dynamic Indian batting order.

The venom of the Asia Cup bowling performance was nowhere to be seen in Dubai with the attack looking terribly underprepared against India's big guns.

It was left to Chamari Athapaththu who removed Shafali after Smriti was caught short at the crease in the 13th over.

Harmanpreet, back at No. 3, stitched two important partnerships, with Jemimah Rodrigues and Richa Ghosh, to carry the side past 170.

### Radha's superb catch

The India captain couldn't take the field after her knock and Radha Yadav was sent in as the substitute. The latter took a screamer running to her side from backward point to dismiss Vishmi Gunaratne off the second ball of the chase.

Sri Lanka lost Athapaththu and Harshita Samarawickrama – the team's two other consistent batters in the format – by the third over, all but sealing the game in India's favour and opening the exit door for the Lankans who have a game remaining.

The Lankans dragged their pursuit till the 20th over before getting bowled out.

The Women in Blue managed their first cohesive performance of the tournament. The Power-Play was utilised, providing the middle-order enough ammunition to power to a good total. Harmanpreet struck at a rate of 192.59 in her unbeaten knock of 52. The superb fielding effort was the cherry on top, enough to get coaches Amol Muzumdar and Munish Bali excited in the dugout. The win – India's largest in the Women's T20 showpiece – saw the Net Run Rate climb up from -1.217 to +0.576. A perfect day indeed.

A 10/10 performance is rare for any side, but Harmanpreet and Co. will hope that this is a sign of things to come as a formidable Australia waits in Sharjah.

SCOREBOARD

**INDIA**
Shafali Verma c Vishmi b Athapaththu 43 *(40b, 4x4)*, Smriti Mandhana run out 50 *(38b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Harmanpreet Kaur (not out) 52 *(27b, 8x4, 1x6)*, Jemimah Rodrigues c Prabodhani b Kanchana 16 *(10b, 2x4)*, Richa Ghosh (not out) 6 *(6b)*; Extras (w-4, nb-1): 5; Total (for three wkts. in 20 overs): 172.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-98 (Smriti, 12.4 overs), 2-98 (Shafali, 12.5), 3-128 (Jemimah, 16.2).

**SRI LANKA BOWLING**
Priyadharshani 2-0-11-0, Sugandika 3-0-29-0, Prabodhani 3-0-32-0, Dilhari 2-0-11-0, Inoka 3-0-26-0, Athapaththu 4-0-34-1, Kanchana 3-0-29-1.

**SRI LANKA**
Vishmi Gunaratne c sub (Radha) b Renuka 0 *(2b)*, Chamari Athapaththu c Deepti b Shreyanka 1 *(3b)*, Harshitha Samarawickrama c Richa b Renuka 3 *(7b)*, Kavisha Dilhari c Renuka b Arundhati 21 *(22b, 1x4)*, Anushka Sanjeewani st. Richa b Sobhana 20 *(22b, 2x4)*, Nilakshika Silva c Shafali b Arundhati 8 *(13b, 1x4)*, Ama Kanchana c sub (Radha) b Arundhati 19 *(22b, 2x4)*, Sugandika Kumari c Richa b Sobhana 1 *(4b)*, Inoshi Priyadharshani c sub (Radha) b Sobhana 1 *(2b)*, Udeshika Prabodhani c Smriti b Deepti 9 *(17b)*, Inoka Ranaweera (not out) 2 *(5b)*; Extras (lb-5): 5; Total (in 19.5 overs): 90.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-0 (Vishmi, 0.2), 2-4 (Athapaththu, 1.5), 3-6 (Harshitha, 2.2), 4-43 (Sanjeewani, 7.6), 5-57 (Nilakshika, 11.2), 6-58 (Dilhari, 11.6), 7-61 (Sugandika, 12.6), 8-65 (Priyadharshani, 14.2), 9-86 (Kanchana, 18.2).

**INDIA BOWLING**
Renuka 4-0-16-2, Shreyanka 4-0-15-1, Deepti 3.5-0-16-1, Arundhati 4-0-19-3, Sobhana 4-0-19-3.

**Toss:** India; **PoM:** Harmanpreet.
*India won by 82 runs.*
**India's next match:** Oct. 13 vs Australia, Sharjah (7.30 p.m. IST).

## Memorable day for Root and England

**Classy effort:** Root was at his brilliant best as he powered England's remarkable reply. GETTY IMAGES

**Reuters**
MULTAN

Joe Root scored a majestic unbeaten century after surpassing Alastair Cook as England's top run-scorer in Test cricket and guided the team to 492 for three at stumps on the third day of the opening match against Pakistan on Wednesday.

Root began the day on 32 not out, needing a further 39 runs to eclipse Cook's tally of 12,472, and the former captain eased to his target before soaking up loud applause from the travelling English fans.

He then fought off cramps after lunch to bring up his 35th century with a reverse-sweep and looked poised to plunder more runs after cruising to 176 not out (277b, 12x4) at close with England trailing by 64.

### Brook, Duckett shine

Harry Brook was batting on 141 (173b, 12x4, 1x6), a knock that followed Ben Duckett's quickfire 84 (75b, 11x4).

Root and Brook's fourth-wicket unbroken stand has raised 243 so far.

Resuming on 96 for one, after Pakistan amassed 556, England lost Zak Crawley for 78 inside the first hour of the day.

Duckett, who dislocated his left thumb while taking a catch, showed no signs of the issue and needed only 45 balls to bring up his half-century.

His dismissal snapped a 136-run association with Root.

Root (12,578 runs*) moved to fifth in the all-time list in Tests behind Tendulkar (15,921), Ponting (13,378), Kallis (13,289) and Dravid (13,288)
(*innings still in progress)

**The scores:**
Pakistan 556 vs. England 492/3 in 101 overs (Crawley 78, Root 176 batting, Duckett 84, Brook 141 batting).

## Mumba Masters fell the Knights

GCL

**P.K. Ajith Kumar**
LONDON

PBG Alaskan Knights has undoubtedly been the team of Season 2 of the Tech Mahindra Global Chess League. Anish Giri's men had been in great form going into Wednesday's opening match at Friends House, with just one defeat in seven games. upGrad Mumba Masters made it two losses for them.

Maxime Vachier-Lagrave's team won 10-9 to open up the tournament further. Knights are still on top, with 18 points from eight matches. Vachier-Lagrave led from the front for Mumba, winning his Icon board game against Giri.

Though the defeats of Nodirbek Abdusattarov and Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, at the hands of Vidit Gujrathi and Peter Svidler, were setbacks for Mumba, wins by Koneru Humpy against Tan Zhongyi and Raunak Sadhwani over Nihal Sarin, ensured a victory.

The win helped Mumba take its tally to nine from eight matches. Defending champion Triveni Continental Kings is on 15 points, after beating Ganges Grandmasters 12-9.

On the Icon board, Alireza Firouzja bounced back after his first loss here, overcoming Viswanathan Anand.

**The results: PBG Alaskan Knights lost to upGrad Mumba Masters 9-10** (Anish Giri lost to Maxime Vachier-Lagrave; Nodirbek Abdusattarov bt Vidit Gujrathi; Shakhriyar Mamedyarov bt Peter Svidler; Tan Zhongyi lost to Koneru Humpy; Alina Kashlinskaya drew with D. Harika; Nihal Sarin lost to Raunak Sadhwani).
**Ganges Grandmasters lost to Triveni Continental Kings 9-12** (Anand lost to Firouzjja; Erigaisi bt Wei Yi; Parham Maghsoodloo lost to Teimour Radjabov; R. Vaishali lost to Alexandra Kosteniuk; Nurgyul Salimova bt Valentina Gunina; Volodar Murzin bt Javokhir Sindarov).
**Alpine SG Pipers bt American Gambits 11-6** (Magnus Carlsen drew with Hikaru Nakamura; R. Praggnanandhaa bt Jan-Krzysztof Duda; Richard Rapport drew with Yu Yangyi; Hou Yifan drew with Bibisara Assaubayeva; Kateryna Lagno lost to Elisabeth Paehtz; Daniel Dardha bt Jonas Buhl Bjerre).
*(The correspondent is in London at the invitation of Tech Mahindra)*

## Nitish and Rinku propel India to emphatic series win

BANGLADESH IN INDIA

**Ashwin Achal**
NEW DELHI

India gained an unassailable 2-0 lead with another authoritative victory over Bangladesh here on Wednesday. India cruised home by 86 runs, reducing the third outing at Hyderabad to a dead rubber.

A new star, Nitish Kumar Reddy, shone bright at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. Playing his second T20I, Nitish came good with a match-winning 34-ball 74. For good measure, Nitish picked up two wickets with his seamers.

Nitish, in the company of Rinku Singh (53, 29b, 5x4, 3x6), powered India to a commanding 221 for nine.

The visitor threw in the towel early in the chase. When the required rate touched an alarming 15, Mahmudullah and Mehidy Hasan Miraz dabbed it around and took quick singles. It was a meek surrender.

Certain of victory, India offered part-timers Abhishek Sharma and Riyan Parag the chance to bowl. The two got a wicket each, painting a glaring picture of the poor batting display by Bangladesh.

Riyan evoked laughter from his teammates when he delivered an awkward low-arm slinger from way behind the umpire. India, far superior in every department, could afford the fun and games.

Hardik Pandya took his fielding seriously, sprinting across the outfield to pluck an outstanding catch in the deep. It was an exemplary effort, especially so when the fate of the match had already been sealed.

Bangladesh elected to field, even if recent fixtures at the venue favoured sides batting first. There was help on offer for the pacers, as the pitch afforded spongy bounce.

This uneven nature accounted for opener Sanju Samson (10, 7b), who committed early to a length ball from Taskin Ahmed. Captain Suryakumar Yadav (8, 10b) fell in similar fashion, chipping a Mustafizur Rahman cutter to mid-off.

Abhishek (15, 11b) suffered a second straight failure when he nicked a quick delivery from Tanzim Hasan Sakib onto the stumps. From 41 for three, it was up to Nitish and Rinku to set the house right. The duo took their time to settle in, and unleashed in the ninth over bowled by Mahmudullah. The spinner overstepped in the fourth ball, allowing Nitish to free his arms.

With the shackles broken, Nitish and Rinku piled on the big hits. Leg-spinner Rishad Hossain endured a nightmare in the next over, repeatedly offering length freebies.

Nitish was also severe on Miraz, hitting the tweaker for three sixes. The last was the mightiest - a strike over midwicket which sailed high and deep into the stands.

Rinku brought up his fifty with a six over the 'keeper's head, and pointed to his bicep in celebration. This was the southpaw's third T20I fifty.

The rapid 48-ball 108-run stand between Nitish and Rinku put India in the front seat. Hardik's 19-ball 32 pushed India to a winning score.

**Power-hitting:** Nitish was in smashing form, scoring a 34-ball 74. R.V. MOORTHY

SCOREBOARD

**INDIA**
Sanju Samson c Shanto b Taskin 10 *(7b, 2x4)*, Abhishek Sharma b Sakib 15 *(11b, 3x4)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Shanto b Mustafizur 8 *(10b, 1x4)*, Nitish Kumar Reddy c Miraz b Mustafizur 74 *(34b, 4x4, 7x6)*, Rinku Singh c Jaker b Taskin 53 *(29b, 5x4, 3x6)*, Hardik Pandya c Miraz b Rishad 32 *(19b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Riyan Parag c Mahmudullah b Sakib 15 *(6b, 2x6)*, Washington Sundar (not out) 0 *(0b)*, Varun Chakravarthy c Parvez b Rishad 0 *(2b)*, Arshdeep Singh c Litton b Rishad 6 *(2b, 1x6)*, Mayank Yadav (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-3, nb-1, w-3): 7; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 221.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-17 (Samson, 1.6 overs), 2-25 (Abhishek, 2.6), 3-41 (Suryakumar, 5.3), 4-149 (Nitish, 13.3), 5-185 (Rinku, 16.6), 6-213 (Parag, 18.6), 7-214 (Hardik, 19.1), 8-214 (Varun, 19.3), 9-220 (Arshdeep, 19.5).

**BANGLADESH BOWLING**
Miraz 3-0-46-0, Taskin 4-0-16-2, Sakib 4-0-50-2, Mustafizur 4-0-36-2, Rishad 4-0-55-3, Mahmudullah 1-0-15-0.

**BANGLADESH**
Parvez Hossain Emon b Arshdeep 16 *(12b, 3x4)*, Litton Das b Varun 14 *(11b, 1x6)*, Najmul Hossain Shanto c Hardik b Washington 11 *(7b, 2x4)*, Towhid Hridoy b Abhishek 2 *(6b)*, Mehidy Hasan Miraz c sub (Bishnoi) b Parag 16 *(16b, 1x4)*, Mahmudullah c Parag b Nitish 41 *(39b, 3x6)*, Jaker Ali c Washington b Mayank 1 *(2b)*, Rishad Hossain c Hardik b Varun 9 *(10b, 2x4)*, Tanzim Hasan Sakib c Hardik b Nitish 8 *(10b, 1x4)*, Taskin Ahmed (not out) 5 *(7b)*, Mustafizur Rahman (not out) 1 *(2b)*; Extras (b-4, lb-3, nb-2, w-2): 11; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 135.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-20 (Parvez, 2.3), 2-40 (Shanto, 4.3), 3-42 (Litton, 5.1), 4-46 (Hridoy, 6.5), 5-80 (Miraz, 10.6), 6-83 (Jaker, 11.4), 7-93 (Rishad, 13.3), 8-120 (Sakib, 17.4), 9-127 (Mahmudullah, 19.1).

**INDIA BOWLING**
Arshdeep 3-0-26-1, Nitish 4-0-23-2, Washington 1-0-4-1, Varun 4-0-19-2, Abhishek 2-0-10-1, Mayank 4-0-30-1, Parag 2-0-16-1.

**Toss:** Bangladesh; **PoM:** Nitish.
*India won by 86 runs to take an unassailable 2-0 lead.*
**Third and final T20I:** October 12, Hyderabad, 7 p.m.

## INBRIEF

### Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson set for six weeks out

Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson Becker is expected to be sidelined for around six weeks with a hamstring injury, which would rule him out of matches against Chelsea and Arsenal. The 32-year-old Brazil international was hurt during last weekend's 1-0 victory over Crystal Palace and went off late in the second-half. Reports say tests have shown Alisson is not likely to be fit to play until after next month's international break.

### Lakshya enters second round of Arctic Open

Lakshya Sen progressed to the men's singles round of 16 at the Arctic Open Super 500 tournament after his opponent Rasmus Gemke withdrew from the opening round match at Vantaa (Finland) on Wednesday. In the women's section, Unnati Hooda defeated Brazil's Juliana Viana Viera 21-16, 23-25, 21-17.

### Raja wins men's 61kg with record lifts

M. Raja bettered his National record twice each in clean and jerk (159kg and 165kg) and total (283kg, 289kg) on his way to win the men's 61kg crown in the National weightlifting in Nagrota Bagwan (HP) on Wednesday. Services' Ch. Rishikanta Singh bettered the National record in snatch (new 124kg, old 121kg, T. Madhavan) while taking the silver.

**The results (winners only): Men: 61kg: Elite:** M. Raja (RSPB) snatch 124kg, clean and jerk 165kg (NR, Old, self, 158kg), total 289kg (NR, Old, 279kg, self); **Junior:** Golom Tinku (Aru) 117kg, 143kg, 260kg; **Youth:** V. Kishore (TN) 109kg, 134kg, 243kg; **67kg:** Elite: Neelam Raju (RSPB) 133kg, 162kg, 295kg; **Junior and Youth:** Yash Khandagale (Mah) 129kg, 152kg, 281kg. **Women: 55kg: Elite:** S. Bindyarani (RSPB) 85kg, 110kg, 195kg; **Junior and Youth:** Mina Santa (Odi) 79kg, 97kg, 176kg;

### Padmini beats Sarayu, grabs the sole lead

Defending champion Padmini Rout of PSPB defeated top-seed Velpula Sarayu of Telangana in the seventh round of the 50th National women chess championship at Karaikudi on Wednesday to move into the sole lead. The 31-move win took Padmini to 6.5 points and gave her a half point advantageover the rest of the field.. WGMs P.V. Nandhidhaa and Rakshitta Ravi, WIM K. Priyanka and J. Saranya, all from Tamil Nadu, are close on the heels of the PSPB player. Nandhidhaa, a former Asian continental champion, outwitted Sakshi Chitlange of Maharashtra while Rakshitta got the better of the experienced Nisha Mohota (PSPB) in their respective matches.

**Important results: Seventh round:** Velpula Sarayu (TS, 5.5 points) lost to Padmini Rout (PSPB, 6.5); Nandhidhaa (TN, 6) bt Sakshi Chitlange (Mah, 5); Rakshitta Ravi (TN, 6) bt Nisha Mohota (PSPB, 5); J. Saranya (TN, 6) bt Priyanka Nutakki (AP, 5); V. Varshini (TN, 5) lost to K Priyanka (TN, 6); Mary Ann Gomes (PSPB, 5.5) bt Divya Patil (Mah, 4.5); S. Jeevika (Puducherry) lost to Isha Sharma (Kar, 5.5); Mrittika Mallick (WB, 4.5) lost to Swati Ghate (LIC, 5.5), Bhakti Kulkarni (Goa, 5) bt S. Harini (TN, 4).

### IOA announces dates for National Games

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced that the 38th National Games will be held in Uttarakhand from January 28 to February 14 next year. The decision is subject to the approval of the IOA General Assembly, scheduled to meet on October 25. "We are thrilled to bring the National Games to Uttarakhand, a State that has shown remarkable enthusiasm and commitment to hosting the prestigious event," said IOA president P.T. Usha. "We are committed to delivering a world-class sporting experience. The National Games will not only be a celebration of sports but also a showcase of Uttarakhand's rich culture and hospitality," said Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. It was stated that the Uttarakhand government had developed infrastructure, constructing and upgrading venues to international standards, apart from making all other logistical arrangements to accommodate the participants and visitors.

**LIVE TELECAST**

**Pakistan vs England:** 1st Test, day 4, FanCode, 10.30 a.m.
**Badminton:** Arctic Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 11.30 a.m. onwards
**Tennis:** ATP Shanghai Masters, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 p.m. onwards
**Global Chess League:** JioCinema, 5.30 p.m. onwards
**Women's T20 World Cup:** Star Sports 1 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

# Spinners hold sway as India U-19 canters to win

Offie Anmoljeet's nine-wicket match haul hastens visiting team's end; leg-spinner Enaan impresses; valiant efforts by skipper Oliver Peake and Alex Lee with the bat go in vain

**CRICKET**

**Tarun Shastry**
CHENNAI

In what can be best described as a riveting day of cricket, where rain stopped play for 50 minutes, an opposing captain scored a sensational century, two India spinners bowled out Australia, twice, as the India U-19 team thrashed Australia U-19 by an innings and 120 runs on day three of the second Youth 'Test' at the M.A. Chidambaram here on Wednesday.

Resuming at 142 for three, Oliver Peake (117, 199b, 16x4, 1x6) started aggressively smashing leg-spinner Mohamed Enaan for a boundary straight down the ground and pacer Chetan Sharma for three fours before rain halted play.

Once play resumed, he drove and cut as he led Australia's fightback before he reached a well-deserved hundred.

Off-spinner Anmoljeet provided India the breakthrough when he dismissed Alex Lee Young (66, 141b, 9x4) breaking the 166-run fourth-wicket partnership.

Christian Howe walked back to a superb direct hit from K.P. Karthikeya stationed at mid-off as Australia lost half its side at the stroke of lunch.

Anmoljeet sent back Peake immediately after the break as he looked to go aerial only to find a leaping Nikhil in the covers region even as Samarth peppered Aidan O'Connor with short deliveries before he had him caught at slip.

Ollie Patterson became Anmoljeet's fourth scalp while Enaan picked up Lachlan Ranaldo and Vishwa Ramkumar as Australia was bowled out for 277 in its first innings.

On a turning and uneven surface, India rightly enforced the follow-on as Enaan sent back Riley Kingsell and Anmoljeet quickly dismissed Simon Budge and Peake leaving Australia in trouble at 41 for three.

**Procession**

Between overs 11 to 24, it was a procession. Australia was reduced to 68 for eight. First, Alex Lee lost his wicket to a brilliant direct hit at the non-strikers' end. Anmoljeet dismissed Howe and Enaan had Aidan stumped.

Patterson did not last long and Hogan's resistance came to an end when Anmoljeet rattled both their stumps.

Chetan had Vishwa bowled with a delivery that kept low while Anmoljeet picked up Ranaldo for his fifth victim as India romped home in style.

**The scores:** India U-19 492 bt Aus U-19 277 in 80.2 overs (Oliver Peake 117, Alex Lee Young 66, Mohamed Enaan 4/60, Anmoljeet 4/72) & 95 in 31.3 overs (Mohamed Enaan 3/37, Anmoljeet 5/32).

**Spin twins:** Anmoljeet and Enaan celebrate after the victory. R. RAGU

# Anmoljeet savours a five-wicket haul on debut

**Tarun Shastry**
CHENNAI

In a battle between two teenagers playing for their countries, one scored a superb century but ended up on the losing side, while the other spun his team to victory with his first-ever five-for.

Australia U-19 captain Oliver Peake and India's Anmoljeet Singh have been standout performers for their respective teams. Later, the two players shared their thoughts on the second Youth 'Test' with the media.

"We were trying to bat for as long as we could. The pitch progressively got worse, the bounce was very low, and it was getting very difficult to bat, but their spinners were too good today. In the second innings, we didn't adapt well quick enough, maybe playing 135 overs earlier, we were fatigued, probably that's the reason for the collapse." said Peake on the loss.

"It's the hardest innings I've played and one of my proudest moments until this point, I am happy. My dad just asked me to enjoy and get around the culture and try and adapt to these conditions." said the Australia U-19 skipper.

Meanwhile, Anmoljeet said, "Firstly it rained in the morning. Then looking at the way the wicket was behaving, we felt we could bowl them out. Bowling in tandem with Enaan also helped. We were helping each other. We didn't want to do anything extra and just bowl in the right areas and they'll get out automatically."

Anmoljeet. R. RAGU

"This is my debut and getting a five-wicket haul is a great feeling I just tried, that's all."

"I'm from Shimlapuri in Ludhiana, I practice at the Garewal Sports Academy, and I train under Harbhajan Kala, he has put in a lot of effort for me. He has worked hard on me. Even my family's support has been immense." Anmoljeet said on the win and his journey.

**Precaution:** NZC doesn't want to rush its premier batter Williamson as it may complicate his groin injury. AP

# Injured Williamson likely to miss first Test against India

**Press Trust of India**
WELLINGTON

Senior batter Kane Williamson is set to miss the initial part of the upcoming three-Test series in India starting on October 16 due to a groin strain, with New Zealand naming Mark Chapman as his cover in the 17-man squad here on Wednesday. Tom Latham will be leading the Kiwis after Tim Southee stepped aside from the leadership role a few days ago.

**The squad**: Tom Latham (Capt.), Tom Blundell (wk), Michael Bracewell (1st Test only), Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Matt Henry, Daryl Mitchell, Will O'Rourke, Ajaz Patel, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Ben Sears, Ish Sodhi (2nd & 3rd Test only), Tim Southee, Kane Williamson and Will Young.

# Shreyas — the boy who helped his family avoid deportation and is now UK's youngest-ever GM

**CHESS**

**P.K. Ajith Kumar**
LONDON

Shreyas Royal wants D. Gukesh to win the upcoming World chess championship. If the Chennai teenager does that – he is most people's favourite at the moment – Shreyas could tell his friends, "You know, I almost beat the World champion in classical chess when I was 14, and drew with him, at any rate."

That happened at the London Chess Classic last December. It caught the chess world's attention, of course. The larger world became aware of the Bengaluru-born Shreyas six years earlier, though.

His father Jitendra Singh's work visa was about to expire and he was told that it could not be extended if he didn't earn £120,000. But, Rachel Reeves, now Chancellor of the Exchequer, intervened, arguing that the country would have lost one of its brightest had Shreyas been deported.

The then home secretary Sajid Javid made a personal decision that allowed the family to stay under a new work visa. Shreyas repaid the UK's faith in him. A couple of months ago, he became the country's youngest ever Grandmaster, beating David Howell's record by six months.

Howell is a commentator at the Tech Mahindra Global Chess League, where Shreyas was a guest and made the inaugural move for one of the matches. "I am glad that such a world class tournament has come to England, where the game needs much more support than it is getting now," he told *The Hindu*.

"I hope this will help chess (which is not considered a sport in the UK) increase its popularity here. And it was a bit surreal to see some of my idols, including Viswanathan Anand at the venue."

Shreyas says British chess needs financial support badly. "Former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak had allocated some £500,000 last year for the development of chess but I think the new government has pulled out that funding," he says. "It is a huge pity."

He is looking forward to the World championship match between reigning champion Ding Liren and Gukesh.

"Gukesh has been playing really well, and even if Ding recovers his form it will be hard for him to win the match," he says.

"Gukesh is a very confident, disciplined player. I hope he wins and then I could say I almost beat the World champion in a classical game when I was 14".

(*The correspondent is in London at the invitation of Tech Mahindra*)

**In storied company:** Shreyas making the opening move in the game between Anish and Anand. GLOBAL CHESS LEAGUE

# Wimbledon replaces line judges with electronic system from 2025

**Agence France-Presse**
LONDON

Wimbledon announced on Wednesday that it is scrapping its iconic line judges in favour of electronic line-calling from 2025, changing the face of the grass-court tournament.

Smartly dressed umpires and line judges are as much part of the 147-year-old Grand Slam as strawberries and cream and the all-white kit that players must wear. But Wimbledon has now fallen into line with other tournaments around the world, saying the move is to "balance tradition and innovation".

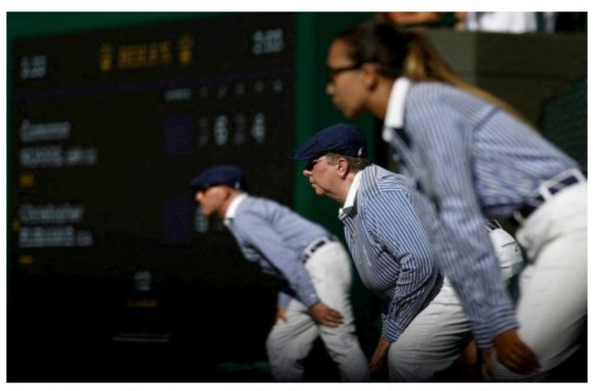
The men's ATP Tour in 2023 announced the tour-wide adoption of electronic line-calling (ELC) from 2025 in a move to "optimise accuracy and consistency across tournaments".

The technology is used at the Australian Open and US Open, though the French Open remains an outlier among the four Grand Slams. The All England Club announced it would make the switch to live ELC from next year.

"The officiating technology will be in place for all Championships and qualifying match courts and cover the 'out' and 'fault' calls that have previously been made by line umpires," it said in a statement on Wednesday.

Tournament chiefs said the decision to use ELC, which builds on existing ball-tracking and line-calling technology, was made following extensive testing during this year's Championships.

Since 2007, Hawk-Eye has assisted the officials at Wimbledon on certain courts. "The decision to introduce live electronic line calling at the Championships was made following a significant period of consideration and consultation," said All England Club chief executive Sally Bolton.



Line judges will no longer be in action at Wimbledon. REUTERS

# Indian men advance while women falter

**TABLE TENNIS**

**Sports Bureau**

India outplayed host Kazakhstan 3-1 in the quarterfinals of the men's team event in the Asian team table tennis championships Astana, Kazakhstan, on Wednesday. India will take on Chinese Taipei in the semifinals on Thursday.

Earlier, the Indian women's team lost to Japan 3-1 in the semifinals.

This is the first-ever medal for the women's team in the championships, hosted by Asian Table Tennis Union.

When it was hosted by Table Tennis Federation of Asia, the women's team had bagged a bronze in 1960 in Bombay (now Mumbai). On the other hand, the Indian men's team had clinched bronze in the previous two editions in 2021 (Doha) and 2023 (Pyeongchang, Korea).

**The results: Men: Quarterfinals:** India bt Kazakhstan 3-1 (Manav Thakkar bt Kirill Gerassimenko 11-9, 11-7, 11-6; Harmeet Desai lost to Alan Kurmangaliyev 6-11, 5-11, 8-11; Sharath Kamal bt Aidos Kenzhigulov 11-4, 11-7, 12-10; Harmeet bt Kirill 6-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8, 11-8).

**Women: Semifinals:** Japan bt India 3-1 (Ayhika Mukherjee lost to Miwa Harimoto 8-11, 11-9, 8-11, 13-11, 7-11; Manika Batra bt Satsuki Odo 11-6, 11-5, 11-8; Sutirtha Mukherjee lost to Mima Ito 9-11, 4-11, 13-15; Manika lost to Miwa Harimoto 3-11, 11-6, 2-11, 3-11).

# Mandaviya wants Dipa to inspire youngsters

## The Union Sports Minister respects the gymnast's decision and lauds her achievements

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Thursday wrote to Dipa Karmakar conveying his surprise at her decision to retire, a couple of days after the trailblazing gymnast called time on her career.

The 31-year-old Dipa, who became the first Indian woman gymnast to represent the country at the Games in the 2016 Rio Olympics and finished fourth, announced her retirement on Monday.

"I got to know about your retirement from gymnastics. While your decision surprised me, I have full faith that you have taken this decision keeping in mind your priorities in life and the experiences that you have had. I completely respect your decision," Mandaviya wrote in a letter to Dipa.

"Your journey in gymnastics, which began at the age of six, has been inspirational. You have scaled the highs in the sport and made the country proud despite facing so many difficulties.

"Being awarded with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award and the Padma Shri is the indication of your unique contribution."

Mandaviya said the whole country is proud of Dipa, who routinely performed the highly-difficult Produnova vault.

**Trailblazer:** Sports Minister is keen on Dipa's contribution to the growth of Indian gymnasts. FILE PHOTO

# Isnt She Beautiful for the Mysore Dasara Sprint Championship

**RACING**

MYSURU: Isnt She Beautiful, who is in fine fettle, is expected to score in the Mysore Dasara Sprint Championship-2024 (1,200m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Thursday (Oct 10). False rails (width about 5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

**1** LALITHAMAHAL PLATE (1,100m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30 p.m.: 1. Feronia (6) Md. Imran Ashraf 62.5, 2. Ice On Fire (2) Akimasa P 60.5, 3. Cool Winter (3) A. Baandal 58.5, 4. Warrior Woman (8) J. Paswan 57.5, 5. Country's Light (5) M. Prabhakaran 57, 6. Arigato (4) Mukesh K 56.5, 7. Lead Singer (12) R. Pradeep 55.5, 8. California Gold (10) Arvind K 55, 9. Clyde Star (11) Jagadeesh 55, 10. Bacchus (9) Koshi K 51.5, 11. Raptor (7) L.A. Rozario 51.5 and 12. D United (1) Angad 51.
**1. ARIGATO,**
**2. D UNITED,**
**3. LEAD SINGER**

**2** LOKAPAVANI PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. Aurele (3) Antony 60, 2. Sergeant Reckless (7) L.A. Rozario 59.5, 3. Ineffable (2) S. Brahmmesh 58, 4. The Golden Sunrise (11) S. Imran 57.5, 5. Perfect Heart (8) Abhishek Mhatre 55.5, 6. Dali's Gold (9) Salman Khan 55, 7. Coyote Girl (5) Dhanu S 54.5, 8. Infiniteposibility (4) Angad 54.5, 9. Deemed To Fire (1) Prabhu K 54, 10. Real Legend (10) Kiran Rai 52, 11. Sultan Sword (12) R. Shiva Kumar 52 and 12. Natural Fly (6) Shyam K 51.
**1. SERGEANT RECKLESS,**
**2. PERFECT HEART,**
**3. COYOTE GIRL**

**3** SRI KANTEERAVA NARASIMHARAJA SPORTS CLUB TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Gemini (1) Koshi K 60, 2. His Eminence (6) Gautam Raj 58, 3. Hand Of God (3) Mukesh K 55.5, 4. Ignorance Is Bliss (5) Abhishek Mhatre 55.5, 5. Ashwa Vedha (4) Vinod Shinde 55, 6. Benghazi (9) Angad 55, 7. Drisana (2) A. Baandal 52.5, 8. Sherouk (7) Sandesh 51.5 and 9. My Life My Rules (8) Dhanu S 51.
**1. ASHWA VEDHA,**
**2. SHEROUK,**
**3. HAND OF GOD**

**4** MYSORE DASARA SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP-2024 (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-00: 1. O Hansini (1) S. Saqlain 60, 2. Isnt She Beautiful (7) Sandesh 59.5, 3. Aldgate (2) Antony 58.5, 4. Ascoval (6) Arvind K 58.5, 5. Imperial Blue (5) L.A. Rozario 58.5, 6. Tom Cruiser (4) Mukesh K 58.5, 7. Amreli (3) Angad 57 and 8. Polished Girl (8) Vinod Shinde 57.
**1. ISNT SHE BEAUTIFUL,**
**2. ALDGATE, 3**
**. O HANSINI**

**5** URS KAR TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 & above, 4-30: 1. Vijaya Falcon (7) Mukesh K 60.5, 2. Prince Corporate (5) Abhishek Mhatre 59, 3. Silver Spring (9) Aman 58.5, 4. Absolutechallenger (3) Md. Imran Ashraf 57.5, 5. Mandolin (2) Koshi K 57, 6. Seolfor Bullet (6) Akimasa P 55, 7. Eddie The Eagle (1) Faiz 53, 8. Brave Trooper (8) S. Saqlain 52.5 and 9. The Perfect Choice (4) Vinod Shinde 52.

**1. BRAVE TROOPER,**

**2. PERFECT CHOICE,**

**3. VIJAYA FALCON**

**6** TRIVENI PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Trust Bond (7) Akimasa P 60, 2. Proud (2) Abhishek Mhatre 59, 3. Saro Gold Mine (6) L.A. Rozario 58.5, 4. Wellington (3) R. Shiva Kumar 57, 5. Hasting Sunrise (1) G. Umesh 56.5, 6. Miraculous Girl (4) Gautam Raj 56, 7. N R I Touch (8) S. Saqlain 56 and 8. Spiritual Force (5) Mukesh K 55.

**1. N R I TOUCH,**

**2. SPIRITUAL FORCE,**

**3. TRUST BOND**

Day's best: **ISNT SHE BEAUTIFUL**

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Mini Jkt: 3, 4, 5 and 6; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6.

# Chief Minister's Trophy declared null and void due to false start

MYSURU: The Stewards of the Mysore race club declared Chief Minister's Trophy, the feature event on Wednesday (Oct. 9), null and void due to a false start.
**THE RESULTS:**
**1. HOGENAKAL PLATE (1,600M): PETTES LOVE** (Dhanu S) 1, Sand Castles (P. Sai Kumar) 2, Quevega (Kiran Rai) 3 and Eco System (A. Ramu) 4. 1-1/4, Shd and 3. 1m, 39.54s. ₹24 (w), 10, 19 and 10 (p), SHP: 52, THP: 45, FP: 85, Q: 66, Trinella: 262, Exacta: 330. Favourite: Quevega. Owner: Mr. Nirash Bothara. Trainer: Neil Devaney.
**2. BHARACHUKKI PLATE (1,400M): VARDAAN** (Antony) 1, Golden Bird (Mukesh K) 2, Saro Bird (Koshi K) 3 and Polar Wind (Faiz) 4. 2-3/4, 1-1/4 and Nose. 1m, 25.52s. ₹43 (w), 13, 21 and 82 (p), SHP: 37, THP: 232, FP: 109, Q: 59, Trinella: 12,616, Exacta: 65,241 (carried over). Favourite: Square Cut. Owners: Dr. Vijaya Simha Doreswamy, estate of late Mr. P. Apana Subaiya, Mr. Rakesh Vijayakumar & Mr. Gautam Basapa. Trainer: Rakesh.
**3. GOOL & SOLI POONAWALLA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600M): JEWEL THIEF** (Angad) 1, Confident Game (Mukesh K) 2, Bruce Almighty (Antony) 3 and Square The Circle (P. Sai Kumar) 4. 2, 1-3/4 and Snk. 1m, 39.94s. ₹25 (w), 11, 10 and 15 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 45, FP: 63, Q: 25, Trinella: 221, Exacta: 663. Favourite: Jewel Thief. Owners: Mr. Vikram Appachu & Ms. Beena Rawath. Trainer: Vikram Appachu.
**4. CHIEF MINISTER'S TROPHY** (1,400m): Null & void due to a false start.
**5. BELUR PLATE (1,100M): LAUTERBRUNNEN** (Kiran Rai) 1, Chisox (Faiz) 2, Ultimate Striker (P. Siddaraju) 3 and Super Kind (R. Pradeep) 4. 3/4, 5 and 1/2. 1m, 05.62s. ₹21 (w), 14, 16 and 48 (p), SHP: 57, THP: 104, FP: 144, Q: 126, Trinella: 2,047, Exacta: 12,469. Favourite: Lauterbrunnen. Owners: Mr. V. Narayana Gowda & Mr. Anil K Joseph. Trainer: V. Narayana Gowda.
**6. MANDYA PLATE (1,200M): VAYU** (Jagadeesh) 1, First Impression (Kiran Rai) 2, Dalhousie (Mukesh K) 3 and Island Lass (Faiz) 4. Not run: Facets Of Life. 2-1/4, 2-1/2 and 3-3/4. 1m, 11.38s. ₹19 (w), 13, 10 and 14 (p), SHP: 40, THP: 34, FP: 62, Q: 38, Trinella: 104, Exacta: 421. Favourite: Vayu. Owner: Mr. P. Nalin Kumar. Trainer: Joseph Awale.

Jackpot: ₹4,528 (three tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: 79 (eight tkts.); Treble (i): 550 (carried over); (ii): 38 (63 tkts).

# BENGALURU ROUND UP

### Sale of second batch of online tickets for India-NZ Test from tomorrow

The second batch of online tickets for India's first Test against New Zealand, scheduled to be held at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru from October 16, will be sold from Friday, 10 a.m. onwards.

Tickets can be purchased at *www.insider.in* / *www.ksca.cricket*.

### Keerthana claims 15Red snooker title

P. Keerthana defeated R. Umadevi 3-0 (52-29, 69-33, 76-19) to clinch the women's 15Red snooker title at the State ranking billiards and snooker tournament on Wednesday.

Keerthana with her reward. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

### Akshay Sastry stars for Greenwood HS

Akshay Sastry's six-wicket haul (6/9) was instrumental in Greenwood High School's five-wicket win over Lourdes HS in the KSCA U-16 inter-school third division league for the K.M. Ramprasad Shield.

**The scores:** Nagarjuna Vidyaniketan 166 in 24.5 overs (Shreyas 25, Nikhil 3/37, Nihar 4/21) bt St. Lourdes High School 131 in 23.2 overs (Danik 63, Kushik 4/11).

New Baldwin IS [B-106] 164/4 in 23 overs (Rohith Reddy 133) bt Sri Jnanakshi Vidyaniketan 109/6 in 23 overs (Abhiram 45).

Vydehi School Of Excellence 148/5 in 24 overs (Chirag Paidikondala 47, Rhythm Duggal 24, Gagan Karnati 36) bt KLE'S Society School, Nagarbhavi 93 in 20 overs (Rakshith Surya 39, Gagan Karnati 4/14, Pradyumna 3/5).

Lourdes HS 77 in 21.5 overs (Arya 3/12, Akshay Sastry 6/9) lost to Greenwood HS 78/5 in 10.1 overs (Neel 36).

New Baldwin IS 163 in 30 overs (Ram Charan 37, Bhuvan 35, Dhanvi 3/38) bt Samved School 160 in 28.4 overs (Hashith 100, Bhuvan 3/31).

DPS, West 57 in 19.1 overs (Samarth 3/6) lost to Tattva School 58/4 in 12.1 overs (Sam Frederick 26, Purab Soni 3/15).

Vibgyor High, Electronic City 158/8 in 30 overs (Dev 53, Hardik 42, Dhanush 3/30) bt Siddaganga PS 79 in 16 overs (Dakshith 35, Preetham 6/21).

Chrysalis High, Kadugodi 129/8 in 30 overs (Karmanya Puri 41, Aditya 31, Divith 3/32) lost to Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir, B-87 130/3 in 22 overs (Radheyshyam 55, Tanish 40).

NPS, B-90 204/9 in 30 overs (Mithun 47, Shashi Balaji 50, Pavan 28, Hemal 3/47, Kruthik 3/28) bt New Baldwin IS, Anekal Town 178 in 28.1 overs (Swastik 25, Deexith 102, Abhinav 6/27).

The New Cambridge ES 78 in 21.1 overs (Rakshith 32, Nehan 3/14) lost to Chrysalis High, Yelahanka 80/5 in 12.5 overs (Tarun 3/34).

Chrysalis High, Varthur 138 in 24.3 overs (Shiva Prasad 60, Dakshesh 29, Tharun 5/24) lost to Euro School, Whitefield 139/7 in 25.3 overs (Shreyas Mohta 52).

National Hill View PS, B–98 230/3 in 28 overs (Veer 134, Kanav 56) bt Treamis World School 143/9 in 28 overs (Hrithvik 97, Arul 4/22).

Sri RV School, Kolar 115 in 24.2 overs (Preetham 29, Shamanth 30, Yashas 6/10) lost to AC School 116/6 in 20 overs (Anson 40, Vishal 25).

### Wahengbam Niraj Singh salvages a draw for ASC & Centre FC

Wahengbam Niraj Singh scored an equaliser deep into injury time as ASC & Centre FC earned a 1-1 draw versus Parikrma FC in the UrbanRise BDFA Super Division football league here on Wednesday.

**The results:** Rebels FC 2 (Rinveithan Shaiza 57, Sapam Kenedy Singh 90+3) drew with South United FC 2 (Ishan Sahi 75, Rudra Ved 81); Parikrma FC 1 (Thangjalen Haokip 84) drew with ASC & Centre FC 1 (Wahengbam Niraj Singh 90+6).

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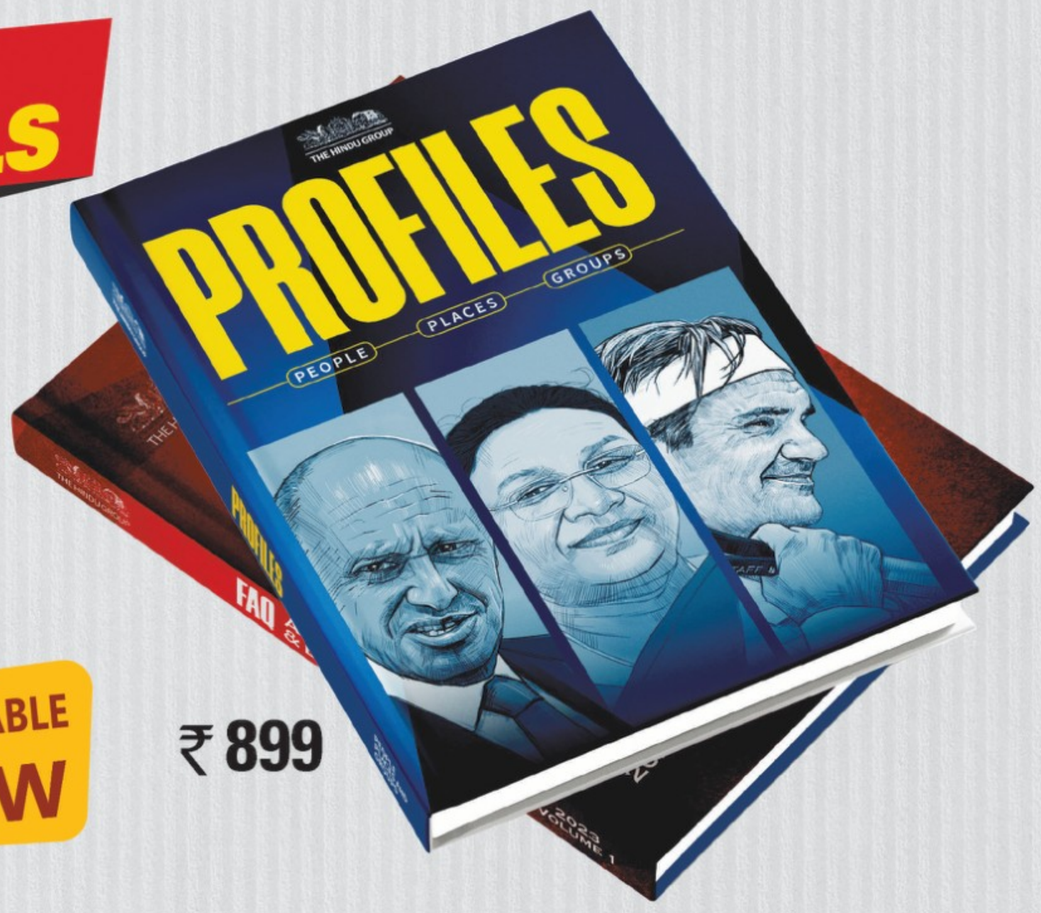


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